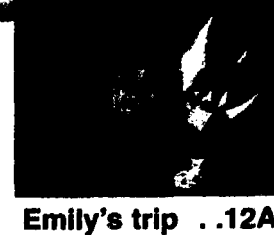


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Hearts go out for Habitat

COOKIE WALK - The Valentine Cookie Walk was a big success as the sale was extended a day due to an overflow of generosity from citizen bakers. Hundreds of cookies were sold on February 12 and 13 for \$5 per pound and raffle tickets were sold to raise extra money for Crawford County's third Habitat for Humanity house now under construction near Manistee River Road. Shown here are Habitat's Fund Raiser Chair Yvonne Sobierski and volunteer Tommi Latoff preparing one-pound plates of cookies for customers. Raffle winners were Sister Naomi Holysko who received a gift certificate from Flowers by Josie and Cheryl Ruley who received a romantic night at the River Country

Photo by Cheryl Ruley



City sidewalk snow removal discussed

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce recently contributed \$2,000 to the Grayling Uptown District Association's (GUDA) efforts to keep city sidewalks clear of snow, and approached the City Council on Monday, February 8, to see if the city would also be willing to pitch in some money for the snow removal.

Mayor Ralph Stevens and City Manager Jerry Morford explained that the city's position has been to contribute to the snow shoveling effort in town on an "in-kind" basis, meaning the city will take care of the snow if the residents or business owners shovel it onto the street or into a manageable pile.

Stevens added that the city does utilize prison labor to clear some sidewalks, but "outside of that, the city doesn't plow very many sidewalks."

All parties involved at the meeting acknowledged that keeping the sidewalks clear in the winter has always been a problem.

"Any suggestions would be appreciated," said Chamber Secretary Laurie Figley. "Keeping the sidewalks clear is beneficial to the whole community. It encourages people to come downtown and do their shopping and conduct business."

Figley said the \$2,000 from the

Chamber was only to help cover expenses that have already been incurred by GUDA this winter. GUDA hired area resident Dave Greenway again this year to help with the snow shoveling in town.

"Maybe we should look at enforcing shoveling ordinances."

**Grayling City
Councilwoman D.J.
Brown**

"Maybe we should."
Mayor Ralph Stevens

"I think it's worked fairly well this year," said Morford, stating that Greenway has worked closely with City Water Supervisor Doug Doby.

Council person D.J. Brown said she would like to see something done to make the situation easier for local businesses.

"There's no place to shovel the snow downtown," Brown said.

Mayor Stevens said he encourages anything that will improve the city, but "it's going to be a hard sell to commit money for people to shovel walks when we can't do it for

everyone."

Council person Marilyn Palmer asked why it would be such a hard commitment, and stressed that the downtown area is used by both residents and tourists.

"I can't see using taxpayer money for shoveling," said Councilman Robert Golnick. Golnick said city residents would still have to do the shoveling themselves, while their taxes would be spent on the downtown sidewalk snow removal.

Brown asked about the legalities involved with the situation. "Maybe we should look at enforcing shoveling ordinances," said Brown.

"Maybe we should," said Stevens.

Stevens asked Kathy Edwards of GUDA if the organization had any kind of specific figure. She said that they did not.

"This would be better to figure out during budget time," said Morford. "This could be considered in a larger package of services."

Stevens said without an exact requested amount there was nothing to vote on, and suggested they bring the information back prior to a budget session.

"Then we can make a consideration," he said.

Morford said the budget planning starts in April, and encouraged GUDA and the Chamber to submit information in writing prior to that time.

Clean out that closet for the Class of '99

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

It may be the middle of winter here in northern Michigan, but the Project Graduation Committee is in full swing raising money for the Class of 1999 graduates' overnight event with its 1st Annual Project Graduation Super Rummage Sale.

The huge rummage sale will be held at the old Ben Franklin store next to Glen's Market on the South I-75 Business Loop. Sale dates and

times are Friday, February 26 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, February 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, February 28 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All proceeds go toward making this Project Graduation the best ever - providing food, prizes, entertainment and a safe place to have fun-filled graduation night celebration.

Donations for the sale were slow to come until The St. Vincent DePaul Society delivered 100 boxes of saleable items to the committee. This may seem like a lot of items in itself, but Project Graduation

Committee Treasurer Tina Bassett said more donations are needed to make this sale live up to its name of "Super."

The committee continues to accept donations of clean, saleable items and would like to remind the community that no item is too big or too small for the sale.

Drop-off or pick-up arrangements of donated items can be made by contacting Chuck Dickie at 348-5174 or Kelly Merchand at 348-4488. Or items can be dropped off at the old Ben Franklin store the first day of the rummage sale during sale hours.

School Board plans another meeting to discuss GHS

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

In an effort to let taxpayers be heard and to gather suggestions from the public on Grayling High School's infrastructure problems, the Crawford AuSable School Board will hold another public meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Frederic Township Hall on Old 27 in Frederic, Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

Board members are urging County taxpayers to attend the meeting and join in the discussion of such needed repairs as the leaking roof and heating system at the high school.

Since June 1998, two high school bond issues have failed to get approval by the voters.

Information gathered at the meeting will be considered in the Board's final decision to remedy the school's infrastructure problems that will need to be addressed in the near future.

County to update building codes

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Crawford County's building codes are in for some major changes this year, according to local building and zoning inspectors.

The county will be updating its codes from 1993 to the 1995-96 rules.

"We're doing this county-wide so all three inspectors are on the same page," said Joe Ferrigan, Grayling Township Building Inspector.

Ferrigan, Frederic Township Building Inspector Kevin Jamison, and Joe Duran, Crawford County

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Two suspects arrested in Beaver Creek break-in

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a home in Beaver Creek Township at about 6 p.m. on Monday, February 15 in response to a burglar alarm set off by a breaking and entering.

Upon the officers' arrival at the home on West Fletcher Road, it became apparent the residence was broken into just within minutes of the call's dispatch.

An eyewitness to the suspects' fleeing vehicle gave a good description to the officers and an area-wide "be on the look-out" was issued by

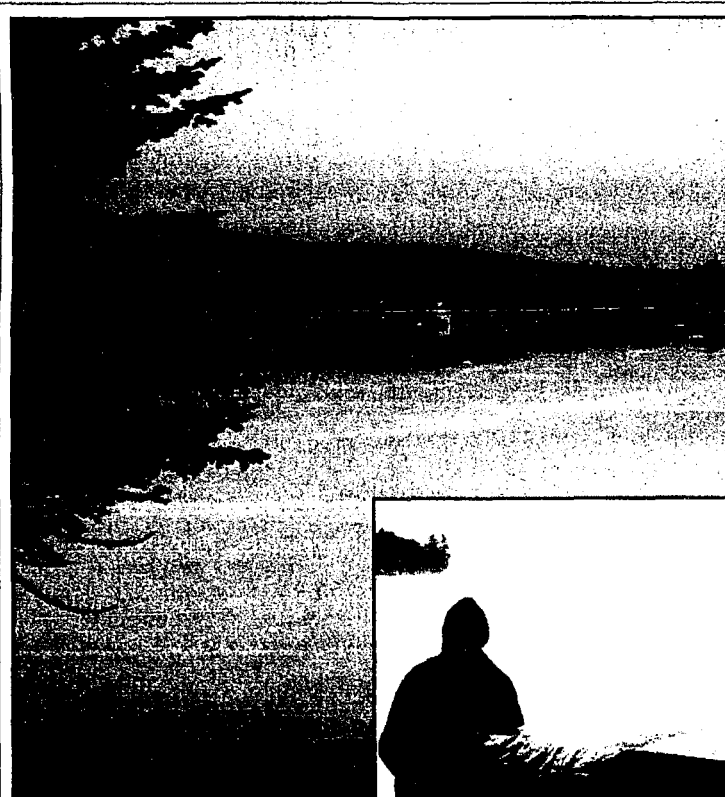
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Within minutes officers from Roscommon County Sheriff's Department stopped the suspects' vehicle and detained the suspects until Crawford County officers arrived.

Two white males were placed under arrest for felony breaking and entering and transported to the Crawford County Jail where they remain awaiting arraignment.

Both suspects are Roscommon County residents, one 18 years old and one 29 years old.

Names of the suspects are being withheld pending their arraignment.



What a difference a day makes

Spring comes and goes within 24 hours

SHAGGIN' SHANTIES - (At right) Frank Kasper (left) gets help from Joe Porter (right) in righting his ice fishing shanty, one of many that sailed across Lake Margrethe last Thursday night when high winds, thunderstorms and plummeting temperatures changed what seemed to be an early spring in Grayling. Thursday's highs were in the 50's causing water from melting ice and snow to puddle and glisten on the lake's frozen surface (above).



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County to update building codes

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Director of Building and Zoning, are urging contractors and property owners to review any projects that will be submitted in the near future for compliance with the new rules.

The following codes will become effective in Crawford County beginning Monday, March 1: BOCA National Building Code/1996, 1996 National Electrical Code NFPA, BOCA National Mechanical Code/1996, and the BOCA/ICC International Plumbing Code/1995.

These codes were filed with the Secretary of State on November 13 of last year, and as of November 30, 1998, any municipality operating under BOCA/state codes must undergo a process of updating to the '95-96 rules.

"We'd like to make it a smooth transition," said Duran.

A few of the changes will include guard rails, snow loads, stair systems, wall assemblies, means of exit, and sprinkler systems, among others.

Specific questions about the changes can be directed to the

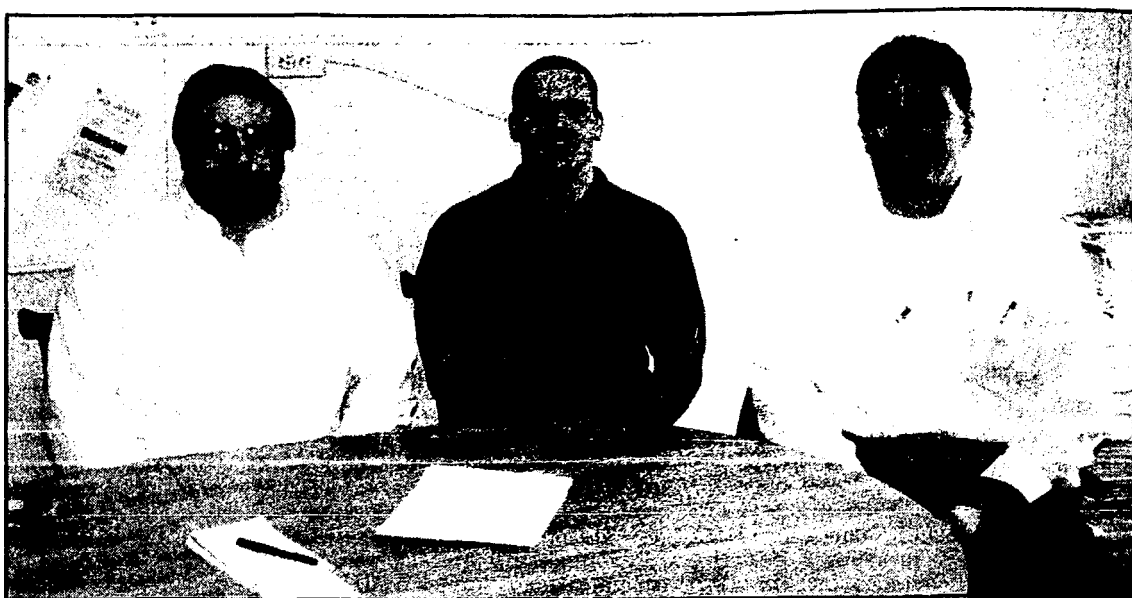


Photo by Caleb Casey

BUILDING INSPECTORS -- (left to right) Kevin Jamison, Frederic Township Building Inspector, Joe Ferrigan, Building Inspector for Grayling Township, and Crawford County Building and Zoning Director Joe Duran are urging people to check upcoming building projects for compliance with the new codes.

appropriate building inspector: Lovells Township, Maple Forest Township, South Branch Township) at 348-2841, ext. 233; Joseph S. Ferrigan (Grayling Township) at 348-4361; Kevin L. Jamison (Frederic Township) at 348-8778.

Swamp tax increase plan good news for County, Townships

by Robert A. Reed
Capital News Service

Lansing -- Area officials are excited about plans for the first increase in 13 years in the so-called "swamp tax" the state pays on state-owned land in rural counties.

Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Grayling) said the financial problem is that much of the land in many rural communities is owned by the state or federal government. "The more state land they have, the less able they are to see growth in their tax base."

To offset the loss of tax revenue, the state annually pays counties \$2 an acre on any unsettled swamp land owned by the state. The

counties share this money with their townships.

Bradstreet introduced a bill last week to raise the swamp tax rate to \$2.86 an acre. The 43 percent increase is designed to account for the rate of inflation. "They haven't raised it since 1986. It needs to be brought up to date," he said.

The 105 District lawmaker said he hopes to tie future swamp tax increases to the U.S. Consumer Price Index.

Crawford County Treasurer Joseph Wakeley said his county feels the hit of having more than 70 percent of its land owned by government agencies.

"Our budget has been very tight," he said. "We've laid off a

couple of people in the sheriff's department and have had no wage increases for department heads and elected or appointed officials for three years."

Last year, Crawford County received more than \$324,000 in swamp tax that it split "50-50" with its six townships.

Grayling Township was given about \$47,200; Lovells Township received about \$40,900; Beaver Creek Township received about \$27,500; Frederic Township received about \$24,700; South Branch Township received about \$13,000 and Maple Forest Township was given about \$8,800.

"This is very important to Grayling Township," said

Township Supervisor Terry Wright. "We don't have the money to provide basic services like water, sewer, or a lot of fire stations."

Wright said although the Township Board must decide exactly how the extra money would be spent, it could be used to contract with the sheriff's department to have a deputy patrol the township, or it could be set aside to fund future sewer projects.

A swamp tax proposal by then-Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling) passed the House, but died in the Senate last year. Senator Don Koivisto (D-Ironwood) has introduced similar legislation in the Senate.

U.S. Naval Sea Cadets taking applications

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadets will be taking applications for new members at Camp Grayling on February 26-28. Both boys and girls are welcome, and applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years.

The Naval Sea Cadets Corps is also taking applications for U.S. Navy League Cadets. League Cadets must be between the ages of 10 and 13 years.

All Cadets meet at Camp Grayling one weekend per month. There is also a summer boot camp to attend. Sea Cadets are given two weeks boot training while League Cadets receive one week boot training.

All Cadets receive actual Navy uniforms and are trained to do the same things Navy Sailors are

trained to do.

After completing the proper training, Cadets are invited to spend two weeks aboard Navy and Coast Guard ships.

There are many schools available to Cadets, including submarine school, flight school, petty officers school, music school, and cook and bakers school, among others.

There is also an exchange program in which Cadets can train with Navy personnel and Cadets of other countries.

The Naval Sea Cadets are also taking applications for adult instructors. If you feel you have some interest in the program, welcome aboard. No previous military experience is required. If you are ex-military, regular, reserve or P.O.T.C. there is a need for you. The program also welcomes those now on active or inactive duty to join.

The program will pay a fee that includes room, board and other needed items when the Cadets meet. This training weekend is \$12 and runs from 6 p.m. on Friday to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Participants should bring a sleeping bag if they are interested in seeing what it is all about.

Feel free to just look in to see if you're interested, or consider spending the day on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Program representatives will be available to explain the training and to answer your questions from 6 p.m. Friday to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

If you have any additional question in the meantime, please call (616) 584-2280 or (616) 587-9204. Ask for Commanding Officer Lt. Joseph Variot or Executive Officer Lt. J.G. Daniel Tinney.

The exact meeting place will be Building 512MA (Mess Hall/ Admin) at Camp Grayling. Directions: Take M-93 through the Main Gate (turns into Howe Road), travel about one mile, Building 512MA is on the left, across from the Parade Field (left on 6th St. and right on Brigade Rd.).



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

SWEETIE-PIES -- Members of the Grayling Chapter #83 Order of the Eastern Star, Dorothy Sorenson and Eileen Chappel, sold home-made pies on Valentine's Day during their Country Breakfast at the Masonic Temple in Grayling. Their selling point was to buy a pie for your sweetheart. There were cherry pies, pumpkin pies, coconut cream pies and apple pies.

Seasonal weight restrictions on

Michigan is experiencing an unusually early freeze-thaw cycle this season.

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Hunter becomes Crawford's first 'county court' judge

On February 1, John G. Hunter became the first "county court" judge in Crawford County. This development was made within the 46th Circuit Trial Court, a Michigan Supreme Court Demonstration Project Court since June 1996.

The plan calls for Judge Hunter to continue his judicial duties in the Probate and Family Divisions, assume the District Division docket, and be stationed in Crawford County on a full-time basis.

Approved by the State Court Administrative Office in January, the transition enables longtime judge, Francis L. Walsh, to concentrate his efforts in the Roscommon District Court and meet a court reorganization goal of grouping all court divisions within circuit boundaries.

The Administrative Order consolidating Judge Hunter's functions within one county is a state-wide 'first' for a multi-county circuit court.

A bill is currently pending in the State House of Representatives which, if passed, would formally legislate the action in Crawford County and be a forerunner in developing the "county court" concept throughout Michigan.

Born and raised in Grayling, it is fitting that Judge Hunter has received this distinction in Crawford County. After graduating from Grayling High School as the 1969 Class Valedictorian, Judge Hunter attended Hillsdale College and received his law degree from Wayne State University.

He began practicing law in 1977 — first in the Recorder's Court of

Detroit, and then in the Eastern Division of the United States District Court. In 1978, Judge Hunter moved back to Crawford County and opened a private legal practice.

Judge Hunter was first elected Crawford County Probate Court Judge in 1988. Since that time he has been active locally and statewide in the development of numerous programs and procedures in the field of juvenile justice.

As Crawford County Probate Judge, he established the Teen Jury Program in conjunction with the Grayling High School Community Liaison Officer — a position within the Crawford County Sheriff Department, and the Juvenile Community Service Project, which helps maintain area fields for youth activities.

The Judge has also been a part of several Crawford County volunteer organizations, and as President of the Grayling Youth Booster Club (GYBC), spearheaded the creation of the GYBC Sports Complex at the fairgrounds.

Judge Hunter's prominence in addressing issues relative to changes in Michigan's court system has led him to be involved in many efforts to advance and educate the State's judicial community. As a member of a state-wide task force, Judge Hunter helped write the Family Law Benchbook which is used by Michigan courts in administering Family Court legislation enacted in 1997. His experience in child protective proceedings and extensive knowledge of law pertain-



FIRST COUNTY COURT JUDGE — The Honorable Judge John G. Hunter became Crawford County's first-ever "county court" judge as a result of the Michigan Supreme Court Demonstration Project that began in June 1996.

ing to juvenile delinquency caused him to be selected as a faculty member of the Michigan Judicial Institute.

Under the administration of Chief Judge Alton T. Davis, Judge Hunter serves as the Chief Judge Pro Tem of the 46th Circuit Trial Court. In this position, the Judge has been instrumental in developing the cir-

cuit's Family Court Plan and accessing available state funding for improving the court's efficiency to meet local needs.

As the demands on the court system increase and legislative possibilities abound, Judge Hunter said he feels his role is to serve Crawford County's interests by continuing to be on the cutting edge of change.

New laws may cause bloat in jail population

By Amanda Cuda
Capital News Service

LANSING—New laws requiring criminals to serve full minimum sentences could keep them in jail for longer periods of time, though some corrections administrators worry the measures will bloat jail and prison populations.

A package of bills signed into law last summer included a measure to deny felony offenders parole or community placement until their full minimum sentences are served.

Former Rep. James McNutt, R-Midland, one of the measure's sponsors, said the law takes away the option of "discipline credits" or time off for good behavior. In Michigan, prisoners are given an indeterminate sentence, meaning they are told the maximum number of years they could serve for the crime and the minimum of years they have to serve to be eligible for parole.

McNutt said the law has been controversial for those who fear it may cause prisons to exceed capacity, but contends the benefits of should outweigh possible side effects. He said, under the new guidelines, both the defendant and the public will have a clearer idea of how much time will be served from the beginning.

"That's worth any increase," said McNutt.

Currently, the law covers only what McNutt calls "crimes against the person," such as murder, where someone is physically harmed, or in danger of such harm. He said it will expand to all felonies, including property crimes, by the year 2000. The measure arose from the creation of a state sentencing guidelines commission in May 1995. The commission was made up of 19 Michigan officials, including legislators, judges, prosecuting attorneys and corrections officials, who ana-

lyzed the penalties for crimes, measured their effectiveness.

Some officials worry what consequences the new guidelines will bring about. They could result in more prisoners being sent to county jails, putting added pressure on the counties, said Midland County Jail Administrator Bill Smith.

"It's a positive thing for the state, but I don't think it's a positive thing for the counties," Smith said. "We're going to see an increase in local jail population."

He said there is some concern whether counties will be able to afford the added prisoner load, or whether the state will help with funding. But Smith said it is too early to be sure what the impact will be.

The effect on prisoner behavior is also a concern, said Fred Parks, executive director of the Michigan Corrections Organization, which represents prison guards. Parks said

taking away time off for good behavior could make it more difficult for corrections officers to deal with prisoners.

"There's no incentive to control behavior," Parks said. "People have got to realize that Michigan's prisons are about 130 to 135 percent over capacity. That's a very volatile situation."

Parks said the legislation actually could send offenders to jail for less time than they would have gotten before the new guidelines. He said judges may sentence prisoners to less time than they would have before the truth-in-sentencing law.

But Midland Chief Assistant Prosecutor J. Dec Brooks said he is confident judges will not be biased by the new guidelines during sentencing. "Courts are not supposed to take that into account," he said. "They're supposed to figure out what is fair and apply the sentence."

Despite the concerns of corrections officials, Brooks said the legislation is long overdue.

Death penalty debate draws more heat

By Robert A. Reed
Capital News Service

LANSING—What price life? That's the question that divides local and state officials as they contemplate a proposal to reintroduce the death penalty in Michigan.

Michigan hasn't had a death penalty since before the state was formed in 1837 and the state Constitution prohibits capital punishment. A resolution would put the issue on the ballot to allow voters to change the constitution.

The sponsor, Dave Jaye (R-Washington Township) believes people are tired of crime.

"The Dr. Deborah Iverson murder caused a change of opinion, especially among women," Jaye said. "They were under a false sense of security, but this showed that murders could happen in the suburbs." Iverson was a Royal Oak physician and mother of two who was strangled during a robbery in Macomb County in 1996.

The proposal is drawing mixed reviews at the state and local levels. Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) said he'd support similar resolution in the House.

"It serves justice. Anything short of the death penalty is not justice," he said. "Currently we only have life without parole for murderers, which is essentially only a lifestyle change."

Crawford County Sheriff Dave Lovely believes the death penalty would deter crime and provide other benefits. "I think it would ease the family of the victims and reduce the

burden on the taxpayers."

County Prosecutor John Huss said he hasn't thought much about the death penalty because it's not part of the current system. "I tend to lean toward being against the death penalty. But, then you see those awful cases and think 'maybe it should apply here.'"

Huss said he doesn't know if the death penalty would deter crime, and he'd have to see the final legislation before deciding if he could support the measure.

Critics of the death penalty point out that it is irrevocable, and the possibility of a mistake always exists.

For example, Sen. George McManus (R-Traverse City) came out against capital punishment for that reason. His administrative assistant Gary Henderson, said McManus "does not think government should be in the killing business."

Henderson said the concern is for people who might be wrongly convicted and put to death. "How many innocent people can we spare? The only way to have a margin of error of zero is to not have a death penalty."

Lovely contends the chance of a mistake is too low to cause a concern. "I think the system is set up to prevent that."

And Jaye said that he's ready to risk a mistake for what he believes is the greater good. "We're in a war against violent criminals, and in any war you lose some soldiers. I like to use the vaccine analogy. Are you

going to not use vaccines because a small percentage of the population is allergic?"

Evidently, many Michigan voters agree with Jaye. An EPIC/MRA poll in January shows 59 percent of those polled favored removing the ban on the death penalty, while 31 percent opposed removal.

However, those numbers show a decline in support for capital punishment when compared to a similar EPIC/MRA poll in 1995. In that survey, 72 percent of those polled supported reinstating the death penalty and only 21 percent opposed it.

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm isn't persuaded.

Her press secretary, Chris DeWitt, said Granholm knows that the judicial system is not perfect and mistakes can be made. "With the death penalty, you can't rectify the situation."

Gov. John Engler agrees with Granholm. John Truscott, Engler's press secretary, said the Governor's opposition results from his Catholic upbringing. "The Governor holds a pro-life position from birth to death, or more accurately, from conception to the end of natural life."

Currently the only executions that could take place in Michigan are for people convicted of federal crimes. The last time that happened was in 1938 when Tony Chebaturis was executed for a murder committed in connection with a bank robbery.

The resolution is in the Senate Judiciary Committee, where hearings are expected this spring.

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Higher pay wafts through the capital

PAY LEVELS seem to float upward every couple of years around Michigan government.

It's probably the El Nino influence.

Voters usually get a bit excited every two years when the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC) submits its ideas for higher pay and/or expenses for legislators, judges and governors.

The voters sometimes get a little hotter when the legislature -- which must either take the money or vote the raises down with two-thirds majorities in both House and Senate -- dillies and dallies and postures and fulminates and then usually reluctantly accepts the higher pay.

At about that point, some voters usually are ready to tar and feather the governor or the legislature or somebody over pay raises.

But alas, such citizen dismay usually fades into nothingness.

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THE 1999 SCENARIO pretty much followed the usual script, with an important difference.

The House this year, with a majority of new members, led the revolt against higher pay, rejecting the SOCC report 95-14.

However, the Senate had made it clear from the beginning it wouldn't even consider the matter before the February 1 deadline, which effectively put the raises into effect.

As a measure of turning down higher pay, the House vote was meaningless. Of course, it will help on the campaign tour next time around.

Without doubt, many House members were sincere in their pay hike dissents. Incoming Rep. Scott Shackleton of Sault Ste. Marie, who sponsored the rejection resolution, claimed higher pay violated the spirit of term limits. He said he would donate his roughly \$2,000 pay hike to charity.

Other lawmakers prepared new approaches to handling the SOCC report.

One would require lawmakers to vote affirmatively to accept any raises, rather than sitting on their hands or rejecting them.

Another would keep raises from taking effect until after an ensuing election.

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MEANWHILE, out in the grass roots, a couple of citizens from Barry County put together a petition to change the whole shebang. They want to abolish the SOCC and set up a state-wide vote on pay levels, limiting any raise to the increase in the state average weekly wage.

Anything would be preferable to the present convoluted system, which effectively hides elected officials from direct responsibility for pay level which are vital to the operation of state government.

What's wrong with elected officials deciding pay levels themselves, right out in

the open?

That's where the responsibility should come home to roost.

The biggest problem of reform is the elapse of time.

Two years goes by mighty fast. By the time the next SOCC assignment looms about 18 months from now, voters will have forgotten about how upset they were the last time this happened -- and again, it's too late to do anything then to correct it.

All in all, the system now is a win-win situation for elected officials whose primary concern is the size of their pay checks.

Chances are good it's going to stay that way, too.

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NEW FACES -- Under the heading of "please say it isn't so!" falls the news that an Arizona congressman wants to add the face of former President Ronald Reagan to Mt. Rushmore.

"As the 20th Century's greatest president, he should be on Mt. Rushmore," claims U.S. Rep. Matt Salmon, a Republican.

Apparently he doesn't want another 20th Century President -- Teddy Roosevelt -- to be chiseled off and Mr. Reagan added... but you never know what goes through the minds of members of Congress.

But the face of the South Dakota mountain may have been saved by science. National Park Service officials claim adding a new face would destabilize the sculpture -- maybe even turning Presidents Roosevelt, Lincoln, Jefferson and Washington into crumbling sand.

Whew! That was a close call for historians, traditionalists... and common sense.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Burton Folsom, Mackinac Center for Public Policy

George Washington's unimpeachable character

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington. Most Americans think they know a lot about him -- from his dramatic leadership in the American Revolution to his service as the first president of the United States.

But what many Americans seem to have forgotten is that Washington built his career (and thus the foundations of our country) on high character and integrity.

Character, one humorist observed, is what you display when you think no one is looking. A generation after Washington's death, the statesman Daniel Webster concluded that "America has furnished to the world the character of Washington, and if our American institutions had done nothing else, that alone would have entitled them to the respect of mankind." Why did Washington's character so thoroughly impress Americans of the 18th and 19th centuries?

Character is best tested under pressure -- and for Washington the most dramatic testing was his winter at Valley Forge during

the Revolutionary War.

He was commanding a deeply demoralized army. He had lost all major battles against the British Redcoats, who had just captured the American capitol of Philadelphia. He had retreated 18 miles north to Valley Forge where he helped his soldiers build log cabins, sharing their misery and lack of food.

That winter of 1777-78 was bitterly cold and Washington lost almost a dozen men every day to desertion or death.

"Poor food - hard lodging - cold weather - fatigue - nasty clothes - nasty cooking - vomit half my time..." wrote Dr. Albigeance Waldo about the tribulations of Valley Forge.

Washington desperately urged Congress to send him food, but instead the Congress advised him to steal food from farmers nearby. Such theft might have solved the short-term problem, but it failed Washington's character test. America could never endure, Washington believed, if it could not earn the respect of its own citizens.

He angered Congress by rejecting its advice and promising instead to hang any soldiers caught stealing food -- even though farmers were selling their corn and beef to the British, who paid in gold.

James Thomas Flexner, whose biography of Washington won a Pulitzer Prize citation, observed that "Congress was more than ever outraged that Washington would not take what the army needed from the inhabitants by bayonet point." Flexner concluded that "Washington believed that what was morally most desirable was likely to be politically most valuable" in the long run.

Washington's honesty bore fruit in the short run as well. The starving army was impressed by Washington's integrity. His men trained hard that winter, leaving bloody footprints in the snow.

The next summer brought a smaller but tougher fighting unit that stood up to the seasoned British army for the first time at the Battle of Monmouth. With that victory, Washington took a giant step in ousting the British and winning independence for his

country.

During Washington's presidency, his character would be tested often but it served him and the nation well. For example, he recognized that America's credit abroad, and its integrity at home, depended on honoring its war debt. Some Americans wanted to renege on payments we owed to patriots at home and the French abroad who had invested in our war for independence.

Others, like James Madison, wanted to repay some, but not all, of the debt. Washington saw this as a character issue and helped persuade Congress to pass a revenue tariff to pay all our debts and establish our credit as a nation worthy of international respect.

Politicians of weak character are often second-guessed and challenged on their motives. Washington's strong character helped Americans forgive him when he made errors in judgement.

One of these errors involved the Michigan Territory, which was newly formed during his presidency. Washington worried that the

powerful British in Canada would dominate the Michigan Territory if we didn't support a government-operated fur company to challenge them.

It proved to be a colossal failure that was later given a mercy killing by Congress; private fur traders instead emerged to challenge the British and keep Michigan strongly loyal to the American Flag.

Few contemporaries blamed Washington for this error or for others he made. His character helped protect him from the inevitable nit-pickers, eager to find fault.

Washington's example of character provides lessons to ponder not only for politicians today, but for all Americans as we remember him two centuries after his death in 1799.

Burton Folsom is the author of "Empire Builders" and senior fellow in economic education at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a research and educational institute in Midland.

EDITOR

Open letter asks if high school improvement is really necessary

To the editor,

This is an open letter to the people of Grayling.

On January 27, at 7 p.m., the Grayling School Board held an open meeting at the Beaver Creek Community Center. The stated purpose of the meeting was to "educate" the people with the need for the proposed bond issue of 14.9 million dollars to expand and renovate the Grayling High School.

The board also stated they wanted to hear alternate proposals from the people about what they would support if not the entire bond issue.

The board's main points were as follows:

1. Leaky roof needed replacing or repair;
2. School heating and ventilation system was obsolete and needed replacing;
3. Addition and renovation of

many classroom areas;

4. Expansion of auditorium to accommodate entire student body at one time.

The citizens of Grayling present at the meeting brought up many points, valid points, questioning the validity of these requests. Chief among these were the following:

1. Many senior citizens of Grayling are living on fixed incomes and cannot afford any further increases in the tax structure;
2. State and federal grants amounting to over \$200,000;
3. Salaries for the superintendent and assistant superintendent;
4. Several statements questioning the need for the expansion and renovation of the school in general.

Because of the cost of the requested bond issue and the extent of the proposed expansion, two friends and I contacted the school and requested a tour to see for ourselves the need for the requested renovations. We were granted a tour on the day before the meeting (January 26). The assistant principal, Mr. Loren Bass, graciously accompanied us on a tour of the school. We were able to see all areas of the school including the library, gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria and classroom areas.

In our opinion, the school is in excellent condition. We saw spacious, well lighted and adequate classrooms. We saw no evidence of

students being cramped for space.

At the meeting of January 27, it was suggested that since the heating, ventilation system and roof were the main concern, then this should be presented as a scaled back bond issue and the further expansion shelved.

The school board's reaction to this was to state that if the heating, ventilation and roof were repaired, then they would need new double pane windows, new electrical work throughout the school and new ceilings for the interior of all rooms in the building. They were also adamant about the other proposed expansion of the other areas of the school.

In other words, they were quite inflexible about other proposals other than the full 14.9 million dollar bond issue. This seems quite, quite unfair. The bond issue has been voted down twice before. The people of Grayling are saying enough is enough.

The school board needs to decide what part of the renovation is really necessary and scrap the frills they are asking for. They are not necessary.

If the people of Grayling question any of my assertions, please call the school and make arrangements for your own tour of the high school. See

for yourselves what I am trying to get across. The proposed additions are, in my opinion, not necessary.

Now as far as the meeting that was held on January 27 at the Beaver Creek Community Center; if this is such an important issue for Grayling, please tell me why only ten people were even interested enough to show up? Out of the ten people present, I would say two were supporters of the bond issue. Where were all of you other people who supposedly support the school board on their request?

It tells me that the proposal is not that important or needed. I do not see any evidence of the need for such a great investment.

I will continue to oppose the bond issue and know of many others who will also.

The school board has not made their case for the need for such an extravagant proposal. Many of us had to make certain sacrifices while we were going through high school. It did not kill us, and probably made us stronger, more self-reliant, and better Americans.

James W. Allman
Frederic

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Letters to the Editor must be turned in to *The Avalanche* by noon on Friday to be considered for the next issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2"x 11" paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper, please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

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BRIEFS

St. John hosts luncheon card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon card party on Wednesday, February 24, in the fellowship hall, beginning at 12 noon. For more information, please call 348-5224. Everyone is welcome.

AuSable Primary presents Art Fair

The AuSable Primary School Art Fair will be held Saturday, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the school. Included in the fair: Original student art on exhibit; Local artisans demonstrating their craft/art; Door prizes and refreshments; Hands-on art tables to explore various art media.

Benefit dinner planned for Tim Calkins

A soup, sandwich and dessert dinner to benefit Tim Calkins will be held on Saturday, February 20 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints on North Down River Road. Cost: Make a donation. All proceeds will go to help pay medical bills resulting from treatment for injuries Tim suffered in a fall from a roof while working. For more information, please call Karen at 348-3274.

Michelson to hold Swiss Steak Dinner

The community is invited to enjoy a Swiss Steak Dinner hosted by the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling, on Thursday evening, February 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost of the dinner is: \$6 for adults; \$3 for children ages five through 12 years old, and kids under five eat free. For more information, contact the church office at (517) 348-2974.

Experimental aircraft group forming

A new chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is now forming at the Houghton Lake Airport. This grass roots organization allows aviation enthusiasts to share information on a local level. You do not need to be a pilot or aircraft owner to attend, just a love of aviation. The public is welcome to attend the group's meetings and share in the fun and friendship a local chapter has to offer. For meeting dates and times, please call Terry or Norma at (517) 366-7660.

Follies Choir rehearsals held weekly

Follies Choir rehearsals at held every Thursday at 1 p.m. in the dining room of the Senior Center on Lawndale in Grayling. The choir is in need of more singers. Experience is not required. For more information, please call Madeline Kucharek at 348-5554.

Hospice rep is Kiwanis guest speaker

Sue Vick of Hospice of Michigan will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling on Monday, February 22 at their regular noon meeting at Shoppenagon's Inn. The business meeting starts at 12:10 p.m. and the speaker usually has the last half hour for their presentation. Guests are welcome.

Learn about veterans benefits

Detailed explanations of the full range of benefits available to disabled veterans and their families will be presented at an upcoming Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Veterans Information Seminar.

Like all services provided by the non profit DAV, there will be no charge for this informative seminar, which will be hosted by Thunder Bay Chapter No. 61. It will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on February 24, at the DAV Memorial Home, located at 1020 U.S. 23 North, Alpena.

A highly trained National Service Officer from the DAV's Detroit office will conduct the seminar.

"This veterans' benefits expert offers you the best counseling

and claim filing assistance you and your family can get," said Arthur H. Wilson, DAV National Adjutant, in a letter inviting local veterans and their families to the seminar.

That's important, he said, because, "So many disabled veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next."

Veterans and members of their families need not to be DAV or DAV Auxiliary members to take advantage of this free DAV service. They should bring their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claim number and Social Security number to the DAV Veterans Information Seminar.

Grayling Lions Club raffle winners drawn



Photo courtesy of the Grayling Lions Club

AND THE WINNER IS... - The Grayling Lions Club Raffle drawing was held on February 4 at Glen's Market when Assistant Manager Scott Saxton (right) drew three tickets from the hopper under the watchful eye of Lions Club Secretary Ralph Krolczyk. Glen's gift certificates were awarded to the winners as follows: Carol Alma, 1st Prize - \$250 certificate; Rick Merrill, 2nd Prize - \$100 certificate; and Imilda Stahl, 3rd Prize - \$50 certificate.

Master Gardener classes offered

Spring is just around the corner and it is time to begin thinking and planning your garden.

Those who dream of spring can begin to develop their green thumbs in March through a program offered by the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension. Master Gardener is an intense comprehensive educational program.

MSU Extension is providing its Master Gardener program from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning March 9.

Classes will be held at the Lyon Township Hall at Higgins Lake.

The course fee is \$150 for individuals and \$200 per household, if household members share the 500-page reference book that is provided.

Instructors for the course will be

a combination of University and professionals in their field.

To qualify as a Master Gardener, ten weeks of three-hour classes, including plant and soil science, lawn care, pest management, woody ornamentals and flower gardening must be completed.

In addition to course work, gardeners must complete 40 hours of community service, including answering gardening questions for others, working on community beautification, talking to local groups, leading a garden group or other activities.

For more information, or for registration forms, contact the Crawford County Extension Office at (517) 344-3264 or the Roscommon County Extension Office at (517) 275-5043.

Correction

In the February 11 edition of *The Crawford County Avalanche*, the last line of the story headlined "Community Arts hosts 'legislative breakfast'" was inadvertently omitted. We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.

Here is the final paragraph of the article in its entirety:

"I think it was very successful," said Hannan. "It allowed our elected representative an excellent chance to hear representatives from area programs and businesses and get an overview of arts programs and their economic benefits. This gives them a bigger picture when they're down there appropriating."

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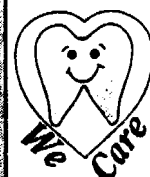
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THURS 18	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES BEREAVEMENT support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3 - 5 pm, for more information call Mary Beth Dettling, 1-800-424-1457 •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY MEETING @ Hanson Hills 7 pm. •SINGLES OF ROSCOMMON-CRAWFORD area will meet at "Fred's" in Roscommon on Thursday, February 25, 1999 at 6 p.m. Bring a friend - if needed call Betty 821-8529.
FRI 19	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 20	•AUSABLE PRIMARY SCHOOL ART FAIR. From 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the school. Door prizes and refreshments. Hands-on art tables to explore various art media.
SUN 21	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 22	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 23	•GPA MEETING @ Spike's, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
WED 24	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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The Bible Speaks

Government by law

"Government of the people, by the people, and for the people" cannot long exist without equality under law. One of our greatest presidents reminded us that liberty and justice within our nation was founded upon laws. "Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution, never to violate in the least particular, the laws of the country, and never tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of seventy-six did to the support of the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution and Laws, let every American pledge his life, his property, and his sacred honor, let every man remember that to violate of the law, is to trample on the blood of his father, and to tear the character of his own, and his children's liberty. Let reverence for the laws, be breathed by every American mother, to the lisping babe, that prattles on her lap--let it be taught in schools, in seminaries, and in colleges; let it be written in Primers, spelling books, and in Almanacs--let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation, and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the

gay, of all sexes and tongues, and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."-- Abraham Lincoln.

God tells us in Titus 3:1: "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work." God makes only His law higher than the law of government. (Acts 4:19) "But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." (Acts 5:29) "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." We pledge allegiance to our flag as one nation under God. Out money says "In God We Trust." Our Laws should reflect the Bible and the U.S. Constitution.

But what happens when nations abandon God and the absolutes of law? What happens when secularism controls government? Russia based her moral foundation upon atheism and dialectical materialism. In a recent letter, a Russian Christian tells their grim story. Aleksandr Ermanov wrote, "If before 1987 any Soviet citizen openly said that he did not like communism or (that the) communist system was unjust then he might be imprisoned by (the) KGB. Of course there were only (a) few

single persons who said that (the) communist system was unjust (like Sakharov, Soljenitsin etc.) but they were strongly persecuted (and often even imprisoned) and they had not even a little real chance to change something in (the) political system of the USSR. Communism had (a) brainwashing pressing influence unto (upon) all sides (spheres) of Soviet people life. (The Majority (of the) people in (the) USSR before 1987 believed that (the) communist system was everlasting and infallible. Communist authorities brainwashed (the) Soviet people with atheism and communism but true Christians resisted and opposed it. (Italicized words added for clarity.) America must return to God and the absolutes of law, or we will fall also.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Lenten adult enrichment offered at St. Mary

Two adult faith information sessions will be hosted by St. Mary Cathedral during the season of Lent.

Both sessions will explore the Scriptures. These sessions are a collaborative effort of the Cathedral with the Institute for Ministry of the Gaylord Diocese.

On Friday, February 26 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Jim Valovick will help participants gain new insights into the New Testament as they look at how this book was formed and some of the major themes found in it. As the culture of today's world has great implications on the Catholic Church, so too the culture at the time of Jesus and beyond is reflected in the New Testament, according to the Institute.

The study of the Scriptures brings a whole personal approach to God. It is here that God revealed Himself to us. It is here that we learn about the first Christian community -- who they were, how they prayed, and how they lived. Attending this session will provide the participant with knowledge in order to grow in faith, and give us some tools for using Scriptures in our daily lives.

Valovick is an instructor at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and writes the weekly column, "Hearing Christ's Voice Today" in the *Catholic Weekly*. The session is offered to a general adult audience as an opportunity for information and enrichment. Participants are asked to bring a Bible.

The second Lenten session will take place on Friday, March 19. In this session we will take a new look at the Old Testament.

Presenter will be Sister Liz Picken from the Diocese of Saginaw. Sr. Liz serves as theological consultant to Kenneth Untener, Bishop of Saginaw and teaches for Marygrove College, as well as in

several lay ministry programs throughout the state.

In this session we will continue our Lenten journey of faith as we look, once again at the Old Testament and explore together these ancient accounts.

According to the Institute, as we mature in our faith we never exhaust our capacity to grow in our understanding of our past in order to better live the present.

This session provides us with the opportunity to broaden our knowledge of Old Testament events while being involved in the process.

St. Mary Cathedral staff states there is so much for adult Christians to learn about the Sacred Scriptures and this session will once again provide a "hands-on" opportunity to explore new paths in the Old Testament. Participants are asked to bring a Bible.

Both sessions take place in the parish hall of St. Mary Cathedral. They are presented as a *Foundation in Our Faith* series and open to all who are seeking to grow in knowledge and understanding as we travel this journey of faith together.

Church Directory



Anticipation

As February draws to a close, we begin to tire of winter...the cold weather, stalled cars, lingering patches of snow. We anticipate rebirth. We dream of tiny green buds, with their translucent skin, springing from bare limbs. We picture tulip bulbs planted in the fall magically pushing through the thawing earth to form a kaleidoscope of color. On rare unseasonably warm days in February, the sun teases us, glistening on ice which has yet to surrender. But spring is on the horizon. We can survive just a few more weeks of winter.

As we anticipate spring, consider God and the warmth of His love. Learn to know Him. Visit Him in His house of worship this week. You can anticipate spring in your life all year round.

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North Central CMH receives 'report card'

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) released its report following its November visit to North Central Community Mental Health (CMH). The focus of the visit was to evaluate North Central CMH's capacity to implement the new managed care specialty services and supports contract.

"The review was comprehensive, 'in some ways parallel to a CARF review,'" says Greg Paffhouse, Chief Executive Officer, and "the visit provided a good independent look at our compliance and managed care

readiness and further underscores that our programs and services meet current state-of-the-art standards and provides confirmation for our continual quality improvement efforts."

The report commends North Central CMH for its work in many areas. Programmatically, MDCH praised North Central for its home-based services, ACT, Club Cadillac, Day Programs, Personal Care Programs, Inpatient Programs, Respite and Family Support, among others.

MDCH was especially compli-

mentary about the agency's efforts to involve consumers in their treatment and the move toward person-centered planning which includes consumers in the decision-making process and fosters their individual strengths.

Interviews with consumers who have used North Central CMH services were conducted as part of the state review.

"Most participants were positive and thankful for the quality of services and the genuine caring and concern of staff," says Paffhouse. "While we appreciate and feel good

about the feedback from the Michigan Department of Community Health, it's especially gratifying to receive this kind of response from those we serve."

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North Central Community Mental Health serves the mental health needs of people living in Crawford, Missaukee, Roscommon and Wexford Counties.

Roscommon AuSable River Center receives \$1,000

The Consumers Energy Foundation has awarded a \$1,000 grant to support the creation of the AuSable River Center, which will serve as a central location for information about the AuSable River watershed.

"This new center will offer residents and visitors a fine opportunity to learn about the history and importance of the AuSable River, its many natural resources, and its recreational value. The Consumers Energy Foundation is pleased to support this project," said Daniel R. Nowak, area manager for Consumers Energy.

Nowak presented the check from

the Foundation on February 5.

The chairman of the River Center Committee, Al Schultz, said the Foundation grant puts the center another step closer to reality. The center is located in Roscommon, near the south branch of the AuSable River.

"The AuSable River Center will be a 'one stop' hall of information to help educate the public. It will showcase the efforts of businesses, groups, and individuals to protect and preserve the watershed as well as highlight all the recreational activities enjoyed on and around the AuSable. We're glad to have the

support of the Consumers Energy Foundation for this project," Schultz said.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Consumers Energy. It provides funding to areas including educa-

tion, the environment, Michigan growth and enhancement, culture and the arts, social services and emerging issues. In 1999, the Foundation will make approximately \$1.7 million in charitable investments throughout Michigan.

Physical education workshop

The Fitness Council of Northern Michigan, along with the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, is sponsoring a two day in-service workshop designed for kindergarten through second grade physical education teachers to be held at Treetops Sylvan Resort on March 9 and 17.

The interactive sessions will prepare teachers to implement the Exemplary Physical Education Curriculum, developed by Charles Kuntzleman of the University of Michigan and Paul Vogel of Michigan State University, with input from various stakeholders throughout the state.

Donna Burge, Fitness Council coordinator, reported that teachers in 27 percent of Michigan school districts are using the K-2 EPEC lessons, which debuted in February 1998. EPEC lessons utilize the latest wellness research to prepare students to be active for life. Lessons for third through fifth grades are under construction and should be

available sometime next fall.

The Fitness Council of Northern Michigan is one of 12 Regional Councils, serving 21 counties of northern Michigan. It supports and promotes the Exemplary Physical Education Curriculum Project and other initiatives of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health, and Sports, with the ultimate goal of *Getting Northern Michigan Moving*.

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Proposal saves schools money

Bills introduced recently will offer school districts options for saving money, according to state Sen. Ken Sikkema (R-Grandville) and Rep. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City).

"Current law allows school districts to join an insurance pool for coverage on property, casualty, automobile, and fidelity insurance. However, they are not allowed to pool for health insurance," Sikkema said. "It's ludicrous to tie the hands of school administrators trying to operate their districts in the most economical manner."

"We're talking about saving taxpayers money by allowing school districts to use funds wisely," Allen

added. "It's just a matter of establishing good public policy."

Sikkema and Allen introduced legislation in the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, making it possible for schools to become participants in medical insurance pools.

"Pooling spreads the risk across a larger base, reducing premiums for coverage and saving taxpayers the cost of more expensive plans," Allen said.

"Students and educators benefit, too, when more of the school district money is available for instructional opportunities," Sikkema said. "That is the most important goal in making this change."

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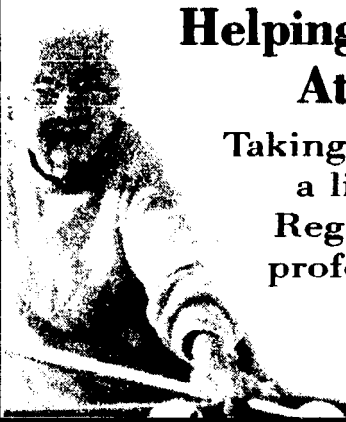
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Cueter's Auto & Tire opens in Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Cueter's Automotive and Tire, which up until about two weeks ago was B & C Tire and Auto, opened under its new name last week.

The auto repair facility, which is located at the corner of M-72 West and the South I-75 Business Loop (kitty-corner from the Clark Station), will specialize in fuel injection service and four wheel drive maintenance, according to owner David Cueter.

Cueter said that his shop will also do electrical repairs, shocks and strut work, and will soon be able to take on exhaust systems.

"We work on everything but automatic transmission," said Cueter. "We do everything from the simplest changing of a windshield wiper to complete engine overhaul."

(The facility is not currently equipped to repair air conditioning systems, however.)

The mechanics are licensed by the state, Cueter said, and he gets his parts by ordering through a computerized NAPA network.

"Hopefully we'll become a NAPA Car Care place in a couple of weeks," said Cueter.

He mentioned that he also has some dealer connections downstate that will allow his shop to get good prices on Chrysler, Ford and Jeep parts for those people who don't mind waiting a day or two for shipping.

Currently, the facility is dealing only in used tires, but plans to start selling new tires in the near future.

Cueter's also has towing services through Bulldog Towing of

Grayling, and offers free pick-up and delivery inside the Grayling city limits and within 10 miles of the city.

"If you can't bring it in," said Cueter, "we'll go get it."

Cueter decided to make the change from B & C to Cueter's Auto and Tire after he bought out his B&C partner Brad Brewer in June of 1998.

"B & C wasn't having any problems, but since it was no longer a partnership there was no reason to keep the name up there," he said.

The place got a new repair facility license and a new tax license while closing the books on B & C. Cueter's is now a state-registered facility, he said.


Cueter has lived in Grayling since 1992, working as a mechanic.

He is originally from the Detroit area, and became familiar with Grayling through service in the National Guard.

He said that the transition from B & C to Cueter's has been smooth, and things are going well so far.

"It's been working out great," said Cueter. "I hope to be around for a long, long time. We don't plan on going anywhere."

CUETERS AUTO & TIRE



CUETER AUTO & TIRE STAFF -- (left to right) Jeff Schutt, mechanic, David Cueter, owner, Leah Baker, manager, and Scott Baker, mechanic.

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Days Inn opens on the Loop

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

More lodging is available for business travelers, tourists and snowmobilers this year in Grayling with the opening of a brand new Days Inn motel.

Located on the South I-75 Business Loop, the new two-story motel offers 64 rooms in a variety of sizes and prices, starting at \$59 per night.

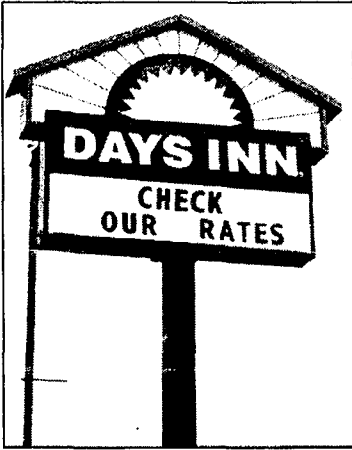
A tour of the new facility with manager Tommi Earls proved to be an eye-filling of clean, well-decorated and inviting rooms. Deep hues of blue and green are accented with floral patterned bedspreads and soft-glowing brass lamps.

Earls said that there are several rooms specially created for the businessperson. Each of these rooms has a modern jack for use with lap top computers and fax machines, as well as two telephones to help business transactions flow smoothly.

Also in each business room is a comfortable recliner to catch a few relaxing moments watching the big game on T.V. or catching up on the latest best-seller. An ample table with chairs, as well as a writing desk will help the business traveler get the job done. The morning newspaper is delivered to the room each day and laundry service is available.

"We really want to cater to the business and corporate customer," said Earls. "We specialize and pride ourselves in a quick check-in and check-out, along with moderate, consistent rates." She added that the motel's meeting room is large enough to seat 60 people comfortably and welcomes groups holding seminars, corporate and community meetings, or training sessions.

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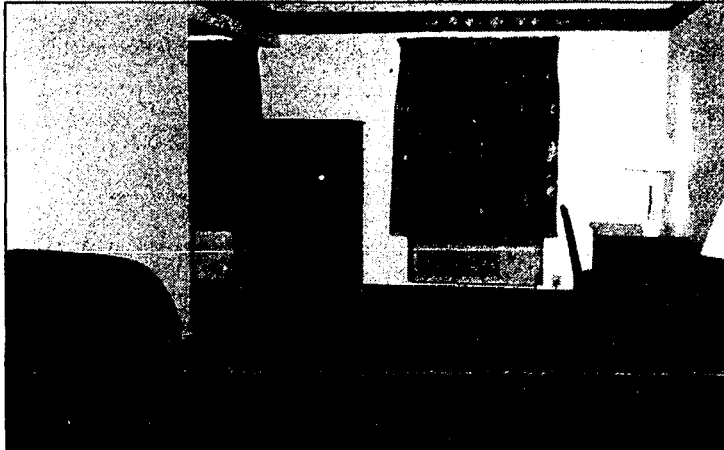
guests would like to visit or stay in an upper level room, an elevator is available.

Now, if it's romance or a relaxing night of pampering you're looking for, Days Inn also has jacuzzi suites with king-size accoutrements and deep cherry wood furniture.

The family will also find comfortable arrangements at Days Inn. Any combination of sleeping arrangements for any size family can be accommodated. There is a game room full of video games to keep the kids occupied during vacation down-time and a family size washer and dryer to keep the family looking great.

All overnight stays include a visit to the breakfast bar in the lobby area of the motel.

According to Earls, owners and brothers Monnie and Frank Nephew are quite experienced as innkeepers and businessmen. They also own the



KING-SIZE COMFORT - Shown is just a portion of a jacuzzi suite, complete with a king-size bed, color T.V. and comfortable recliner for a stress-relieving stay at the Days Inn.



Photos by Cheryl Ruley

WELCOMING COMMITTEE - Innkeepers Tommi Earls and Monnie Nephew stand at the front desk, ready to serve the weary traveller at the newly opened Days Inn motel on the South I-75 Business Loop.

Gaylord Days Inn, two hotels on Mackinac Island and one in Mackinaw City, as well as a few fudge shops.

Earls said the Nephews are considering the addition of a swimming pool to accent the new motel in the near

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James R. Simmons

James R. Simmons, 54, of Frederic, died on February 11, 1999 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Mr. Simmons was born on May 19, 1944 in South Fork, Penn., to Raymond Simmons and Alma M. Penrod. He was a resident of Frederic for 10 years, moving here from Detroit. He was a fork-lift driver in the manufacturing industry and had worked for several different businesses including: Wolverine Tube, Cunningham Drug Store warehouse, the buildings at the Crawford County Fairgrounds, and E.Z. Lift Doors in Waters. He served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include: mother, Alma M. Gorecki of Frederic; daughter, Sonya Lynn Simmons of Detroit; two brothers: Barry Simmons of Port Huron and Keith Simmons of Detroit; two grandchildren: David and Rosa Lynn Simmons.

Funeral Services were held on February 13, 1999 at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling with Elder George Rosin officiating. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

The family requests memorials to the Crawford County Senior Citizen's Center in Grayling.

Joseph P. Szajner

Joseph P. Szajner, 87, of Grayling, passed away on February 13, 1999 at Mercy Hospital.

Joseph was born on September 9, 1911 to Martin Szajner and Sophie Buzynski Szajner in Poland. Mr. Szajner immigrated from Poland to the United States at two years of age and his family settled in Detroit. He was employed as a motor mechanic for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. Mr. Szajner married the former Anna Mary Niezgoda on June 9, 1935, at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Detroit. They moved to Grayling 10 years ago from Brooksville, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and four brothers.

Survivors include: one son, Leonard (Christine) Szajner of Grayling; wife, Anna Mary Szajner of Grayling and one grandson, Nicholas Szajner of Grayling.

Funeral services were held on February 16, 1999, at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Elder Dennis Ormsbee officiating. He was buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

The family requests memorials to the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Grayling.

Agnes V. Swift

Agnes V. Swift, 83, of Grayling passed away on February 14, 1999 at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Agnes was born on October 18, 1915 to Walter Miller and Iva Martin Miller on Buffalo, New York. She moved to Grayling three years ago from Niceville, Florida. She was a retired receptionist for the Okaloosa County Council on Aging in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. She was a pianist for RSVP in Fort Walton Beach for 20 years, and a member of the Gold Diggers Club at the RSVP. Mrs. Swift was the vice-president of the residence council at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold J. Swift in 1995.

Survivors include: two daughters: Margaret (Michael) Creps of Grayling, and Marie (Edward Fiolek) Pierce of Kalkaska; three sons: Arnold Swift of Ionia, David (Coleen) Swift of Sommerville, Georgia, and Kenneth (Kathy) Swift of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 18, 1999, at the Free Methodist Church in Grayling with the Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

The family suggests memorial donations be directed to the Mercy Manor van fund.

Albert F. Wieland

Albert F. Wieland, 82, of Grayling, passed away on February 11, 1999.

Albert was born on March 22, 1916 to Erich Wieland and Minnie Wallath in Lansing. He previously lived in Standish Township and moved to Grayling two years ago to be closer to his son, Michael Wieland. He was employed as a supervisor in the welding department, and also worked in the office as an engineer at Magline, Inc., Pinconning, before retiring. He was a certified ski instructor and taught at Tree Tops in Gaylord from 1954 to 1994.

Mr. Wieland was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret in 1997; his sister, Lillian Wieland; and parents, Erich and Minnie Wieland.

Survivors include: son, Michael (Elizabeth) Wieland of Grayling; two daughters: Tanya J. (Orin) Pelto of Grayling, and Judith L. (William) Mittig of Lupton; three sisters: Marguerite Popp of Detroit, Mildred (Paul) Miller of Mason, and Betty (Rex) Lamoreaux of Sebring, Florida; ten grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 13, 1999, at 11 a.m., at the Lee-Ramsey Funeral Home in Pinconning, with the Reverend Jerry Hunter officiating; arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

The family suggests memorial donations be directed to Amicare Hospice, Grayling.

Kirtland hosts blood drive

Kirtland Community College, in cooperation with the American Red Cross, will host a blood drive on Tuesday, February 23, from 10 a.m. until 2:45 p.m., in the Student Center on campus.

While the event is located on campus for the convenience of students, faculty and employees, it is also open to the public, and area residents are encouraged to participate as donors.

Although no appointment is necessary, blood donors are encouraged to call Kirtland's Career and Employment Services Office at (517) 275-5000, ext. 450 to schedule a blood donation. The goal of the drive is to collect 40 units of blood. A unit is slightly less than a pint.

The donated blood, collected by the Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross, is used to supply the critical blood needs of 88 Michigan hospitals, including Mercy Hospital in Grayling, which used more than 1,200 units in fiscal 1997-98.

In order to donate blood, a donor

must be at least 17 years of age, in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and should bring the names of all prescription drugs being taken.

For the average individual, the blood donation process, including registration, takes a little more than 45 minutes. Registration involves seeing a donor card or driver's license for proof of identity, and the donor's Social Security number. The nurse will ask donors a few questions about their medical history, check their pulse, blood pressure, temperature and the iron level of their blood... all to make sure it is safe for the donor to give blood.

The Red Cross uses a new, sterile needle to draw each unit of blood. Each needle is destroyed after the donation.

Donors lie comfortably on a cot while a nurse draws one unit of blood, which takes about six or seven minutes.

According to the Red Cross, there is no risk of HIV or any other infectious disease transmission when you give blood.

An average adult has eight to 12 pints of blood. The body replaces all the fluids donated in less than six hours.

Donors then spend about 15 minutes in the "canteen" area, eating cookies and goodies and drinking all the coffee, juice and water they wish. This helps replace fluids and the sugary foods help keep the blood sugar level up, thus combating any feelings of weakness after the donation.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff Department, February 8 through 15:

One criminal sexual conduct; one burglary; two larceny; one property damage; one drunkenness; three public peace; one citation; seven health and safety; one invasion of privacy; three conservation; three miscellaneous crime; ten minors; one runaway; 11 accidents; two non-traffic accident; one parking violation; one traffic safety; five snowmobile; three false alarm; one fire; four accident-other; two civil/family trouble; three suspicious situation; 24 general non-criminal.

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Pop tops help children's hospital

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling has been saving aluminum beverage can pop tops for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital for several years.

The club has taken them to Ann Arbor where they are sold for aluminum and the money is used in the Child Life Services department for



education and recreation. Those are two fields that are not paid for by patients and insurance, yet helps in the recovery of the young patients.

One member of the Grayling club, Warren Hatfield (above), has personally collected and donated 250,000 tops.

The club has never collected pop tops for kidney dialysis there or anywhere else. So, keep saving and donating them to the Kiwanis Club.

If you know a club member, give them a call for pick-up or drop-off arrangements. Or, drop them off at Shoppenagon's Inn where the club meets weekly.



LOTS OF POP TOPS - Here is a look at just some of the pop tops donated to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor at their collection site.

Concert Series continues with area school bands

The 1998-99 Music Series, part of the Community Education Cultural Events Series, moves into high gear this month and next when collegiate bands come to Grayling to perform with Grayling High School (GHS) and Grayling Middle School Bands.

On Thursday, February 18, beginning at 7 p.m., the 80-member Western Michigan Symphonic Band will join the Grayling High School Band for a performance in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Under the direction of Professor Bob Spradling, the University Symphonic Band will perform various selections that will complement the Grayling High School Band's repertoire. The GHS Band is directed by Dennis Ormsbee, a 13-year

teaching veteran of Crawford AuSable Schools, with 26 years overall teaching experience.

During Ormsbee's time with the GHS Band, it has grown from a 17 to 96 member band, and last year was nominated for the Award of Excellence by the American School Band Directors Association.

The concert will open with three selections that will be performed at the State Festival by the GHS Concert Band.

Then on Thursday, February 25, the Eastern Michigan University Concert Band, under the direction of Professor Max Plank, will join the Grayling Middle School Bands, under the direction of Dave Gott.

The 7th and 8th Grade Band will

perform selections they will perform at the State Festival, also.

Both concerts begin at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$4.50 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students. Special family and group rates are available.

These concerts are the perfect opportunity for parents of band members, as well as other family members and friends, to get a sneak preview of State Festival material and also to enjoy a presentation by fine collegiate musicians.

These events are made possible with the support of many area businesses, corporations, and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Conference on gardening offers variety of information

In spite of the deep snow and cold temperatures, the 1999 gardening season is just around the corner. To warm you up and encourage thoughts of spring activities, this mid-winter conference has been scheduled. It is open to the public.

This is an information-packed day, with speakers from around the state. Topics to be covered include: Landscape Maintenance, Success with Bulbs, Ornamental Grasses, Tips on Herb and Vegetable Preservation, Growing Perennials in Challenging Soils, Container Gardening, Lawn and Garden Irrigation, and Growing Strawberries.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, at the Holiday Inn in Petoskey.

For more information, brochures and registration forms, contact the Crawford County Michigan State University Extension office at (517) 344-3264.

BIRTHS

Brandon Colby and Laura Hawkins of Grayling announce the arrival of Mallory Colby born December 26, 1998.

Kevin and Heidi Francis of Grayling announce the arrival of Margaret Mae Catherine Francis born January 25 at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Card of Thanks

I would like to give a sincere thank you to all the people who helped me become Grayling Junior Miss 1999. In particular, ABWA, Sandy and Sam Moore, Jodi Potter, Stacey Rosin Gay, Kathy Hehir, Carol and Jesse Becks, Louise Tournaud, Larry Roberts, and all the staff at Heads Up North, especially Gail, Carmen and Donna.

Over the next year I will be dedicated to showing other communities the beauty and serenity of our wonderful town, Grayling.

With true regards,
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Local college student is stage manager in Alma production

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Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 18-20, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 21, in the Heritage Center Theatre.

Henley, winner of the New York

Drama Critic's Circle Award and the 1981 Pulitzer Prize, wrote a play that is a "most delicate of undertakings: a comedy about serious matters," said critic Roger Ebert in the *Chicago Sun Times*.

Set in Mississippi, *Crimes* tells the story of the McGrath sisters who come together for an unconventional family reunion in their childhood home. After Babe, played by Shaina

Hewitt, shoots her husband, her sisters Lenny, played by Hallie Bard, and Meg, played by Quintessa Duffield, come to her rescue and bail her out of jail. The women, all struggling to find direction in their lives, comfort each other while reminiscing about their past.

"They (the McGraths) gather about them all of the props of everyday life -- the birthday candles and porch chairs, pickup trucks and chintzy bedrooms -- but actually they're nuttier than fruitcakes," said Ebert.

"We have been working very hard. The rehearsal process has been an interesting time of exploration of these characters and their lives," commented Bard. Hewitt added, "The play is quite comical and every rehearsal is filled with laughter and good times."

The cast also includes students James Kuhl and Mark Penzien.

The crew for *Crimes* includes these students: stage manager Jamie Vendeville, a senior from Grayling; assistant stage manager Matthew Singletary; assistant director Scott

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week ahead: If you never forgive, hope that you never sin.

Your week ahead: 17th-Tax Lady at 9, by appointment and COA Board meeting at 5:30; 18th-Lucky 7 Casino trip at 9:30; 19th-Pantry Bingo at 1 and Pancake Brunch on the 21st from 10-1.

Please take note that we will be holding special craft classes every Thursday at 1 p.m. in March. The first will be hosted by Nova and she will show you how to make cute bird cages on the 4th; Louise will show you how to make woven paper baskets on the 11th; Eva will show you how to do some floral arranging. Materials will be furnished and the cost for each class will be \$4. You need to bring your basic "tools" such as: scissors, pliers, wire cutters, glue gun, glue, etc. (that is, if you have them.) Sign up in advance so that we know approximately how many to count on.

Share pick-up will be on the 26th; it was misprinted in our Gazette.

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Unique therapy in Poland proves fruitful for Emily



by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After a month of intense physical therapy at the Euromed Center in Mielno, Poland, four-year-old Emily Grosskopf returned to Grayling showing improvement.

The little girl with the contagious smile travelled to Poland with her mother Linda and her babysitter, Will Fairbotham last month to receive a unique form of physical therapy to retrain muscles that have gone unused due to cerebral palsy.

Although the therapy has proven to be almost a miracle for some victims of the affliction, the therapy has not yet been approved in the United States.

"She did really well," said Linda. "She is holding her head up better and for longer periods of time. We are very encouraged by her progress."

As a result of the therapy, Emily has more hand coordination, talks more of her enchanting baby talk, and can sit up better unassisted. Emily also suffers from cortical blindness due to cerebral palsy. As a result of the stimulation of therapy and the colorful medical center, her eyesight has shown improvement.

Linda described the daily therapy sessions as exhausting for Emily.

"This was hard work for her and it was difficult for me to hear her cry."

Everyday Emily went through hours of various resistance exercises in a variety of special equipment while wearing an outfit made of stretchy bungee cord-type straps. At the end of each day, Emily would fall sound asleep and sleep for hours from all her hard work.

Now at home, Emily must continue to exercise her muscles throughout the day, every day, to retain the progress she made in Poland.

The trip did not get off to a good start. The threesome found themselves stuck in the massive snowstorm at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Linda said that once they got out of Detroit things went a little smoother.

Linda said that she and Will suffered a little culture shock upon arrival in Poland. They were greeted at the airport by a tarmac patrolled by soldiers armed with machine guns.

Oh, and then there was the food... "The hardest thing was not understanding the language, especially when it came to meal time. We never knew what kind of meat we were being served at the Euromed cafeteria, so it became a guessing game among our group to figure out 'is it chicken?... no I think it's

pork.' You could never tell by looking at it," said Linda, chuckling.

But, there were a few good food experiences, too. Linda commented that they discovered "wonderful bakeries and delicious chocolates" when making trips into Mielno to take a break from the stress of therapy sessions.

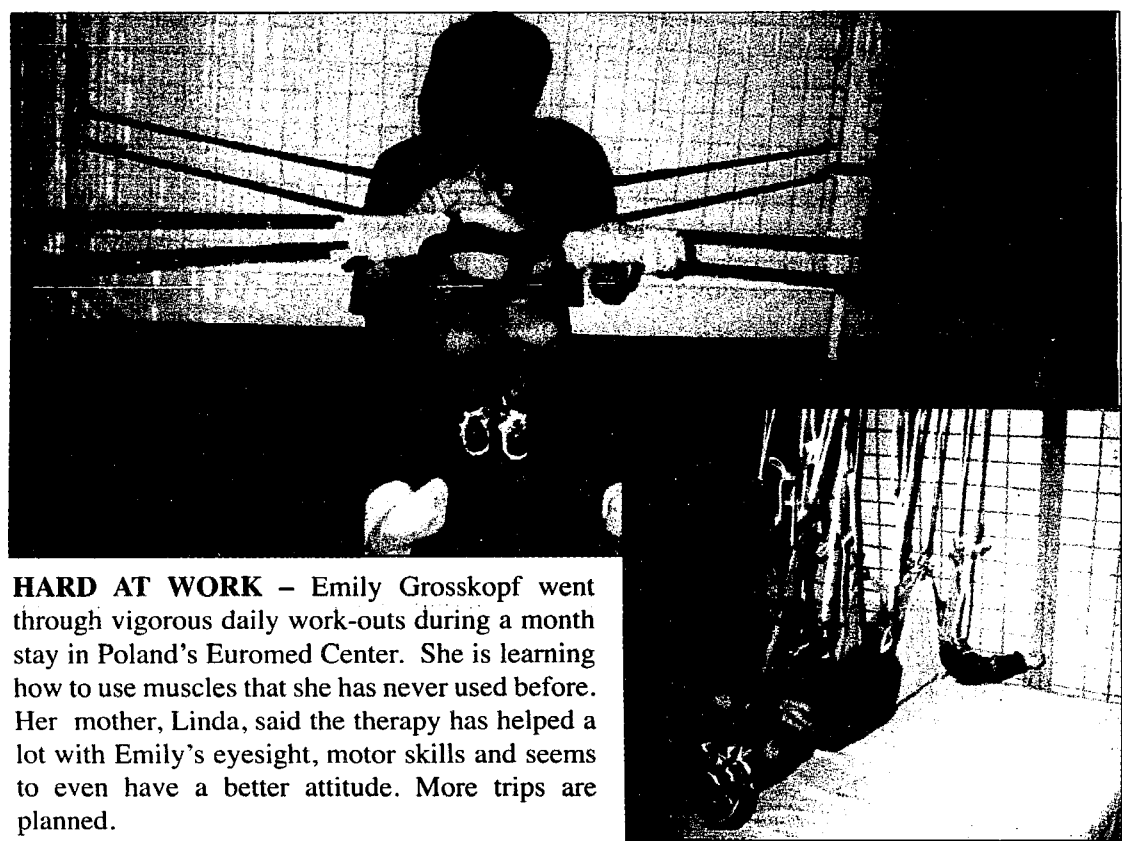
Food didn't seem to be a problem for Emily. She fell in love with Polish mashed potatoes and gained four pounds during the month. "This is incredible for Emily," Linda said. "Lack of weight gain has always been a problem for her. I'm glad her appetite has improved. It's all very encouraging."

Emily will return to Euromed for two more month-long therapy sessions — in the spring from May 1-30 and then again in the summer from August 14 - September 14.

Fund-raising efforts for the next two trips will begin soon. Fortunately, there are some funds remaining from previous fund-raisers, but more will be needed.

A teen dance is planned at the Grayling Eagles Club on March 20. Further details will be coming as the date approaches.

If you would like to make a donation to help Emily continue her therapy, call Linda at 348-6027 or Jim Nygard at 348-0314.



HARD AT WORK — Emily Grosskopf went through vigorous daily work-outs during a month stay in Poland's Euromed Center. She is learning how to use muscles that she has never used before. Her mother, Linda, said the therapy has helped a lot with Emily's eyesight, motor skills and seems to even have a better attitude. More trips are planned.



DAY AT THE BEACH -- Emily's hours of hard work pay off with a day outdoors.





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Grayling County Avalanche

Thursday, February 18, 1999

Boys and Girls Teams headed to finals

Grayling Ski Team qualifies for State meet

The Grayling High School Boys and Girls Ski Teams both qualified for the State Finals by finishing 3rd out of 14 teams at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Regional Ski Meet, which was held on Thursday, February 11, at Schuss Mountain.

The Girls Team finished behind Glen Lake and Manistee and ahead of 4th place Benzie Central by 14 points. The girls skied a strong slalom race, finishing 4th in the morning event.

The girls had to attack the giant slalom course to jump into the 3rd spot to advance to the finals. Traverse City St. Francis was in 3rd place after slalom, so the girls set their sights on beating them, which they did by a total of 23 points.

Top girls for the Vikings were Katie Olson (7th in giant slalom and 15th in slalom), Brooke Ginther (18th and 14th), Kim Hartman (13th and 25th), and Kelly Jansen (37th and 47th).

Danielle McClanahan was 53rd in giant slalom and disqualified in slalom.

The Boys Team skied a very strong giant slalom race in the morning, placing 2nd behind Glen Lake. In the afternoon, the slalom race became a real test of skier ability for all the Boys Team members.

Glen Lake, Manistee and Grayling were the three teams that held it together as the Vikes placed 3rd, 31 points behind Manistee and 65 points ahead of Traverse City St. Francis in the 4th spot.

Team totals for both events put the Vikings in 3rd place -- 102 points ahead of Traverse City.

"The boys skied a very intelligent race in slalom. They knew after the first run that teams behind them were in trouble, so

skiing a solid race was more important than being extremely fast," said Coach Mike Wieland.

"It's a hard concept to coach, but the experience of our top seniors filtered down to the others," said Wieland. "They had to ski well, but falling would have been the only way we could lose and the boys did a great job."

Top racers were Eric Thompson, who placed 4th in giant slalom and 5th in slalom, and Colin Hunter, who took 11th in both events.

Matt Ginther was 12th in giant slalom and 16th in slalom. Jason Boreo placed 13th in giant slalom. Ray Trudgeon placed 15th and 26th. Derek Quick placed 27th in slalom. Paul Jansen was 33rd in giant slalom and Josh Mueller disqualified in slalom.

"Most of the boys either counted for our team totals or at least pushed other racers back in the running order to increase the Vikings margin of total finish," said Wieland.

Both teams advance to the State Finals in Marquette, which will be held on Monday, February 22.

"It's the first time we have put both teams in the finals at the same time," said Coach Wieland.

On Tuesday, February 9, the Viking Skiers took on Harrison and Clare at Snownake Mountain near Harrison.

The Viking Boys Team completed the league dual meet competition undefeated by beating Harrison 35-41 and Clare 20-66. The host Hornets stung the Vikes in the slalom race, leading by seven points at the midway point of the meet.

"Undaunted by being behind in a league race for the first time this year, the boys went out in giant slalom to win the meet. All six of the boys helped the team defeat Harrison as they took 1st, 3rd,



SKI TEAM -- (front row, left to right) Josh Mueller, Kelly Jansen, Katie Olson, Danielle McClanahan, Kim Hartman, Brooke Ginther, Eric Thompson. (back row, left to right) Coach Mike Wieland, Matt Ginther, Colin Hunter, Jason Boreo, Joe Hughes, Ray Trudgeon, Derek Quick, Matt Mitchell, Paul Jansen.

4th, 5th, 6th and 9th places," said Coach Wieland.

"It was a great comeback and really set the tone for the Regionals," continued Wieland. "The boys knew by skiing tight together as a team they are really hard to beat."

Top boy skiers against Harrison were Hunter (2nd in slalom and 1st in giant slalom), Thompson (5th in slalom and 3rd in giant slalom), Matt Ginther (6th in slalom and 4th in giant slalom), and Trudgeon (10th in slalom and 5th in giant slalom).

Mueller placed 8th in slalom, and Boreo was 6th in giant slalom. Paul Jansen placed 9th in giant slalom and Quick was 11th in slalom.

Against Clare the boys finished with Hunter 1st in both races, Thompson 2nd in both, Matt Ginther 3rd in both, Mueller 4th in slalom, Trudgeon 5th in slalom and 4th in giant slalom, Boreo 5th in giant slalom, Quick 7th in slalom and Paul Jansen 7th in giant slalom.

The Girls Team went into the meet tied with Clare and were looking for a victory to set up for the league finals on February 16 ahead in the standings. The Vikings were skiing without their fourth girl Kelly Jansen, who was home due to illness.

The team scores were Clare 35-Grayling 41 and Grayling 23-Harrison 49.

Top racers against Harrison were Brooke Ginther (1st in slalom and 3rd in giant slalom), Hartman (1st in giant slalom and 4th in slalom), Olson (2nd in both races), and McClanahan (3rd in slalom and 7th in giant slalom).

Against Clare, Olson finished 4th in slalom and 2nd in giant slalom. Brooke Ginther was 3rd in slalom and 4th in giant slalom. Hartman placed 1st in giant slalom and 9th in slalom. McClanahan was 8th in slalom and 10th in giant slalom.

The GHS Ski Team will host the Grayling Invitational meet on Thursday, February 18, at Hanson Hills. The first runs of the afternoon are scheduled for 3 p.m.



SKI MEET ACTION -- Brooke Ginther (above) placed 1st in slalom and 3rd in giant slalom against Harrison last week, and has been one of the top placers for the Grayling Girls Team this year.

Varsity Vikings overpower Bobcats

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Aggressive defense and solid play on the offensive end resulted in a 70-44 win for the GHS Varsity Basketball Team over the visiting Bay City John Glenn Bobcats on Friday, February 12.

Grayling started well, and finished strong on the way to the conference victory.

GHS took control of the game early, scoring six unanswered points after tip-off, including buckets by Nate Hinkle, Brad Ritter, and Dave Hawkins.

The Vikings played tenacious defense, and held Bay City scoreless for the first two minutes of the game.

Jeremy Millikin came in off the bench and drained a three-pointer to put Grayling up 11-4.

BCJG would get a few back before the end of the period, but Grayling led 15-10 after one quarter of play.

GHS really started to break it open in the second quarter, outscoring the Bobcats 21-11 in the period. The Vikings continued to hustle on defense, and rebounded well under the Bobcat basket to cut down on second and third opportunities for

Bay City.

The core of Grayling's second quarter scoring came on a tremendous 12-0 scoring run, which featured four points each by Ritter and Hawkins, in addition to a nice move to the hoop by Travis Huber and a dunk by Hinkle.

The Vikes led 36-21 at halftime.

Both offenses slowed down in the third, with Grayling edging Bay City 11-8 in third quarter scoring.

The Viking defense held Bay City to only two points in the first 6:16 of the third period, until the Bobcats dumped in consecutive three-point shots.

GHS led 47-29 going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings stepped up their offensive production in the fourth to keep the game out of reach for the BCJG team. Grayling scored 23 points in the quarter (compared to 15 for Bay City), including three-pointers by Huber, Hinkle and Nate Beckwith.

Hinkle led the overall scoring effort with 28 points.

Ritter had an excellent all-around game, scoring 13 points on offense and registering seven blocked shots (12 deflections overall) on the defensive end.

Eli Tobin led the team in assists with 10.

"We were pleased with our defensive effort tonight," said Coach Rich Moffit. "I thought that we forced John Glenn into some quick shots. Offensively, our kids played as a team. They created shots for each other and moved the ball well without the basketball."

The Vikings traveled to Oscoda on Tuesday, February 9, to take on the Owls. GHS won by a final score of 70-51.

Hinkle was the high scorer with 24 points, and the high rebounder with 10. Tobin led the Vikings in assists with 10.

"We played very well as a team," said Coach Moffit. "I thought that we did a nice job of breaking down their defense and creating the high percentage shot. Defensively, we really anticipated well, which resulted in some transition baskets."

Grayling will host the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chargers on Friday, February 19, for the last regular season home game of the year. The Vikings will head to Gaylord on Tuesday, February 23, for a non-conference battle against the Blue Devils.



Photo by Linda Goinick

DEFENSE -- (left to right) Nate Hinkle (#23), Brad Ritter (under the basket), Travis Huber (#11), and Eli Tobin (#33) set up to defend against the Bay City offense.

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Evon and Niederer win conference titles

GHS Wrestlers beat Mancelona, take 4th in NEMC

The Grayling High School Wrestling Team traveled to Mancelona on Wednesday, February 10, to take on Onaway and Mancelona.

The Vikings beat Mancelona by a score of 45-36 but lost to Onaway 24-31.

Matt Evon, Josh Niederer, Nick Baynham, Larry Baker, Marianne Vollmer, Victor CdeBaca, Ray Pyle, Alfred Borchers, Chris McGuire and Chris Peters all scored points for Grayling.

Evon, Niederer, Baker and Baynham each won both of their matches.

On Saturday, February 13, GHS went to Standish Sterling for the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) Meet.

Grayling took fourth place out of the nine NEMC teams.

Evon and Niederer both took first place medals and are the conference champs for their respective weight classes (103 and 125).

Other Viking medal winners included: Andy Palmer, 2nd; Baker, 2nd; and Vollmer, 4th.

Marc Weaver and Baynham also scored points for Grayling.

The Vikings will host Team Districts competition on Wednesday, February 17, at the Grayling Middle School, with wrestling action beginning at 6 p.m. GHS will face off against teams from Kalkaska and Cheboygan.

On Saturday, February 20, the team will head to Gladwin for the Individual Districts competition.




Photos courtesy of Deb Weaver

CONFERENCE MEDAL WINNERS -- These five GHS wrestlers earned medals at the NEMC Meet: (front) Marianne Vollmer, 4th place, (middle, left to right) Larry Baker, 2nd place; Andy Palmer, 2nd place, (back, left to right) Matt Evon, 1st place; Josh Niederer, 1st place.

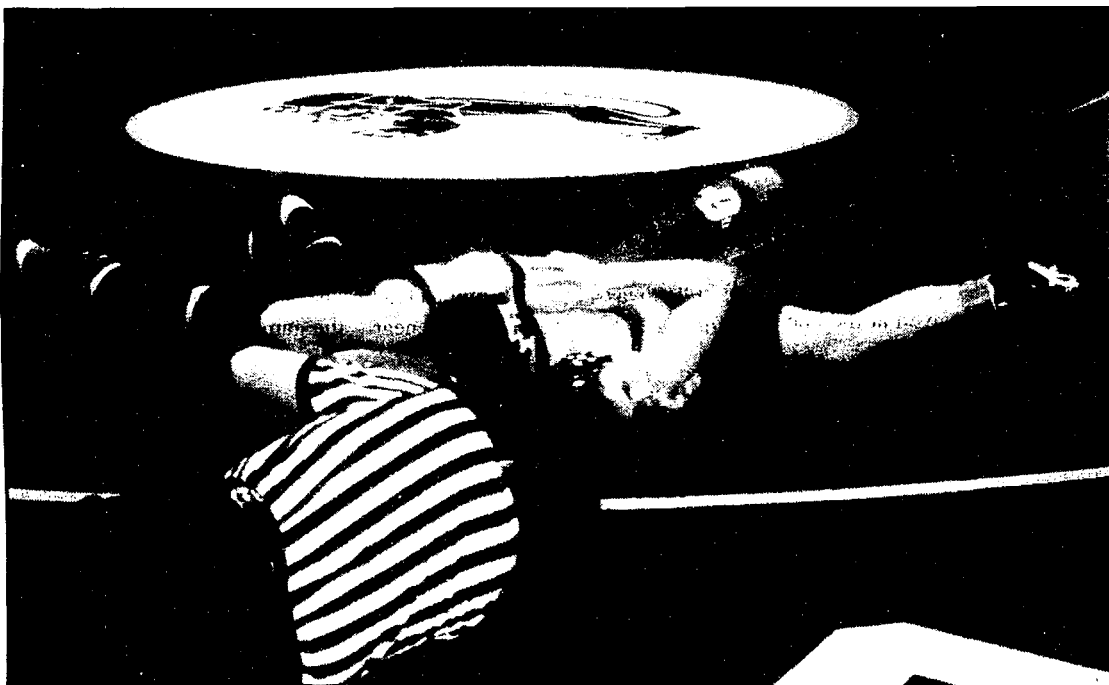
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Viking of the Week



Wrestling
Coach: Don Ferguson
MARIANNE VOLLMER

Marianne won two matches at the NEMC Meet in Standish. She is the first female to take a medal at the conference meet for Grayling.



ONE, TWO... -- A Grayling High School wrestler puts an Oscoda opponent on his back while the referee looks in for the count.

GMS wrestlers take top spots at Rosco tourney

On Saturday, February 13, the Grayling Middle School Wrestling Team traveled to the Roscommon Invitational, where 16 of the 17 Viking wrestlers earned medals.

The following team members placed: Brandon Pratt, 1st; Darryl Babbitt, 1st; Adam Malone, 1st; Dan Snider, 1st; Zak VanNuck, 1st; Mike Gassman, 2nd; Dusty Partello,

2nd; Doug Armstrong, 3rd; Roy Middleton, 3rd; Billy Partello, 3rd; Jesse Gildner, 3rd; Neil Cook, 3rd; Brian Borchers, 4th; Justin Robinson, 4th; Ryan Haskins, 4th; Dan Connell, 4th.

The team's next tournament will be on Saturday, February 27, at the Ogemaw High School. Wrestling action will begin at about 10:30 a.m. for the middle school team.



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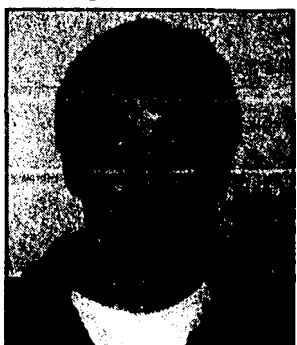
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Viking of the Week



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ERIC THOMPSON

Eric led the Boys Team into the State finals, placing fourth in giant slalom and fifth in slalom out of 93 skiers at Regionals.

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Viking of the Week



Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
KIM HARTMAN

Hartman, a senior, led the Girls Team in league competition last week with two first place finishes in giant slalom.

JV basketball squad beats Bay City

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team recently improved its '98-99 season record to 13-3 after beating North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) rivals Pinconning, Oscoda and Bay City John Glenn.

On Friday, February 12, the JV Vikings won their third straight, beating the Bobcats of Bay City.

The contest was close the entire game. The Grayling bench was a major factor in the win, with GHS losing four of their starters to foul-outs and injuries before the end of the match.

The Vikings played well in the opening period, and looked like they might take control of the game, but the Bobcats displayed some deadly accuracy from three-point range, hitting three triples in the first quarter to account for nine of their 11 points.

Good rebounding and aggressive defense helped the Viking cause, and GHS finished the period with three-point plays by Chris Youngblood and Brad Gorski to take a 16-11 lead into the second.

The Bobcats were unable to gain any ground on Grayling's five point lead before halftime (though they did briefly tie the score at 20-20 at the 4:43 mark) and went into the locker room down 24-29.

Gorski hit the last shot of the half, a two-point jumper with the last few seconds ticking off the clock.

Using an effective double-team trap just past half-court, Grayling started to force some turnovers and used the opportunities to build up a lead.

After Bay City took a one point lead halfway into the third quarter, Grayling called a timeout to regroup. The Vikings came out of the break and went on an 11-2 scoring run to take an eight point lead.

GHS led by seven at the end of



Photos by Linda Golnick

GUARDING HIS MAN -- Barry McClanahan puts pressure on the ball carrier as he crosses the half-court line.

the third, 48-41.

Marcus Bobenmoyer scored five points to open the fourth quarter on a drive to the basket and a three-pointer. Grayling led by 12 at that point, 53-41.

GHS was able to maintain a lead for the rest of the game, but near

the end of the period started losing players.

With 3:01 left Levi Burkett fouled out and Bobenmoyer had to leave due to an injury. Starters Dave Golnick and Youngblood also fouled out before the end of the game.

Grayling displayed a lot of team depth, as the remaining Vikings finished the game and held on to the victory. GHS won the game 69-60.

Justin Manier, Dan Mead, Barry McClanahan and Pete Belcher each put in some critical minutes in the game.

"I thought they came in and played well in a crucial situation," said Coach Butch Hayes. "They deserve a lot of credit."

Gorski was the leading scorer in the game with 28 points. Bobenmoyer put in 21, Youngblood scored eight, and Burkett finished with seven points.

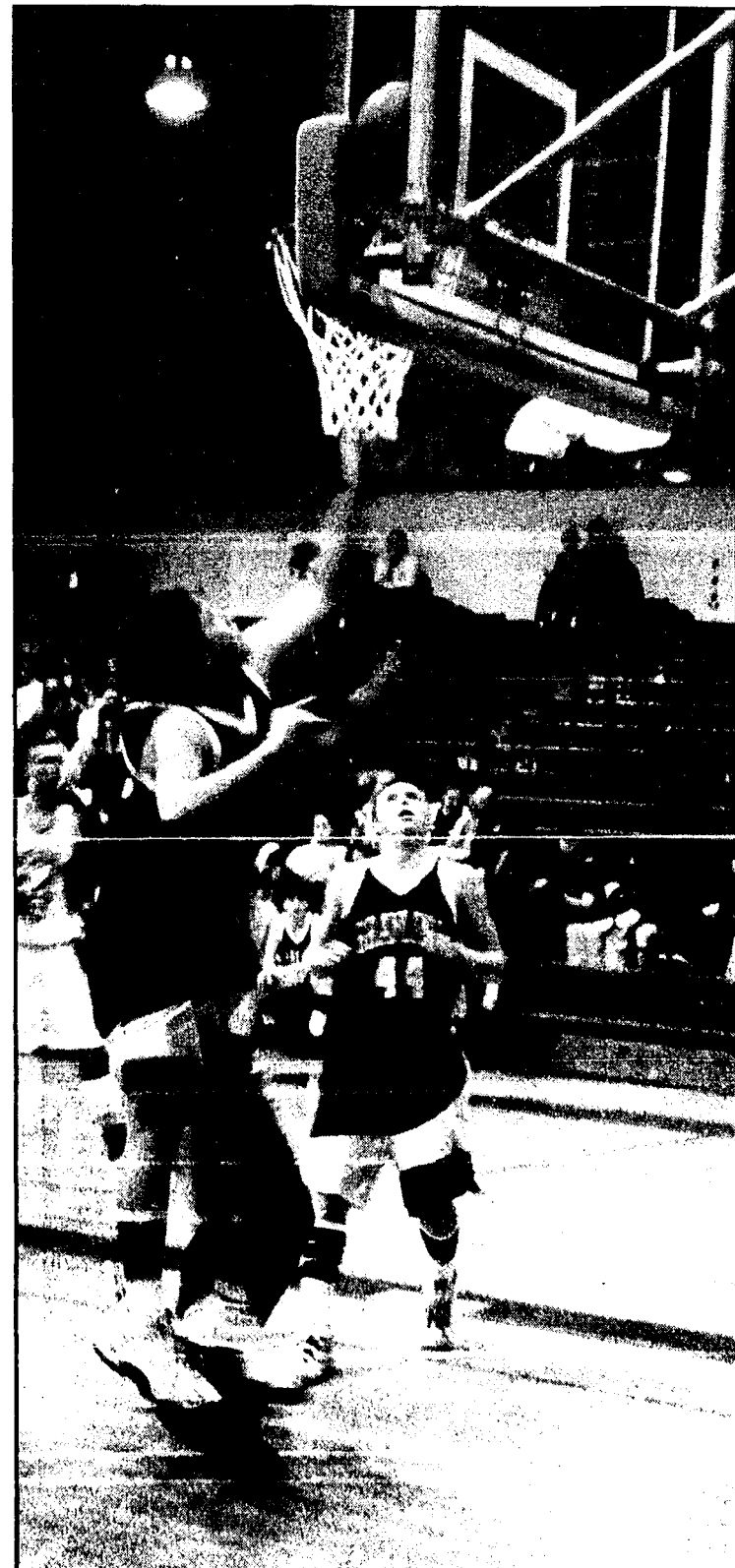
(Coach Hayes said that Bobenmoyer dislocated his finger in the Bay City game, but after the proper medical attention and two days rest the doctor has given him the "okay" to play this week.)

On Tuesday, February 9, the JV Vikings defeated Oscoda in a lopsided match 77-39.

Gorski scored 28 points in the game to lead the GHS offense. Bobenmoyer scored 17 points, Youngblood put in 11, and Mead scored 10.

The team started its three-game winning streak with a victory on the road against Pinconning on Friday, February 5, beating the Spartans 62-23. The Viking defense held Pinconning to five points in the first period, and only six more for each additional quarter.

Burkett led the scoring in that game with 22. Bobenmoyer scored 16, and Gorski added 15.



OFF THE GLASS -- Dan Mead (#42) puts up a shot from under the Grayling basket while Chris Youngblood (#44) watches for a rebound.



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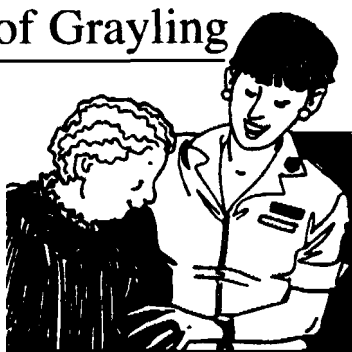
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Freshmen Vikings finish strong, beat Owls

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, February 11, the GHS Freshmen Team hosted the Oscoda Owls, and in a strong finishing performance held the Oscoda offense to six points in the fourth period. Grayling won the game by a final score of 66-53.

The contest was close for three-and-a-half quarters, until the game came down to free throws. The Vikings hit theirs, and Oscoda failed to capitalize.

The Owls started the game well, jumping out to an early 9-5 lead in the first period with a three-point play. The Vikings then started to get some steals and moved the ball well on the offensive end, which resulted in a 10-2 scoring run, including points by Ryan Stahl, Brandon Gorr, R.J. Schmidt and Larry Baynham.

GHS led 20-17 after one quarter

of play.

The second quarter was a low scoring one, with Oscoda edging the Vikes in period scoring by two points, 12-10.

Grayling took a lot of shots from three-point land, while Oscoda used their offensive opportunities to put up short jumpers and inside shots. Neither team was particularly successful, and GHS took a 30-29 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Oscoda opened the third period with a two-pointer to take a one point lead. Grayling answered with a three-point shot by Schmidt. After trading the lead a few more times, Oscoda scored five unanswered points on a two-point bucket and a three-point play to take a three point lead, 38-35.

GHS regained the lead around the mid-point of the third with

another three pointer by Schmidt and an alley-oop lay-up by Stahl on a nice feed from Gorr.

Grayling maintained a slim lead for the rest of the third. The Vikes led 49-47 after three quarters.

The game was close for most of the final period.

With 3:32 left in the game, Grayling took a 59-53 lead on a pair of free throws by Nick D'Amour.

Oscoda then missed some crucial free throw attempts (0 for 4), and with 1:43 left Gorr hit a pair of shots from the charity stripe on an Oscoda technical foul to put Grayling up by nine, 61-53.

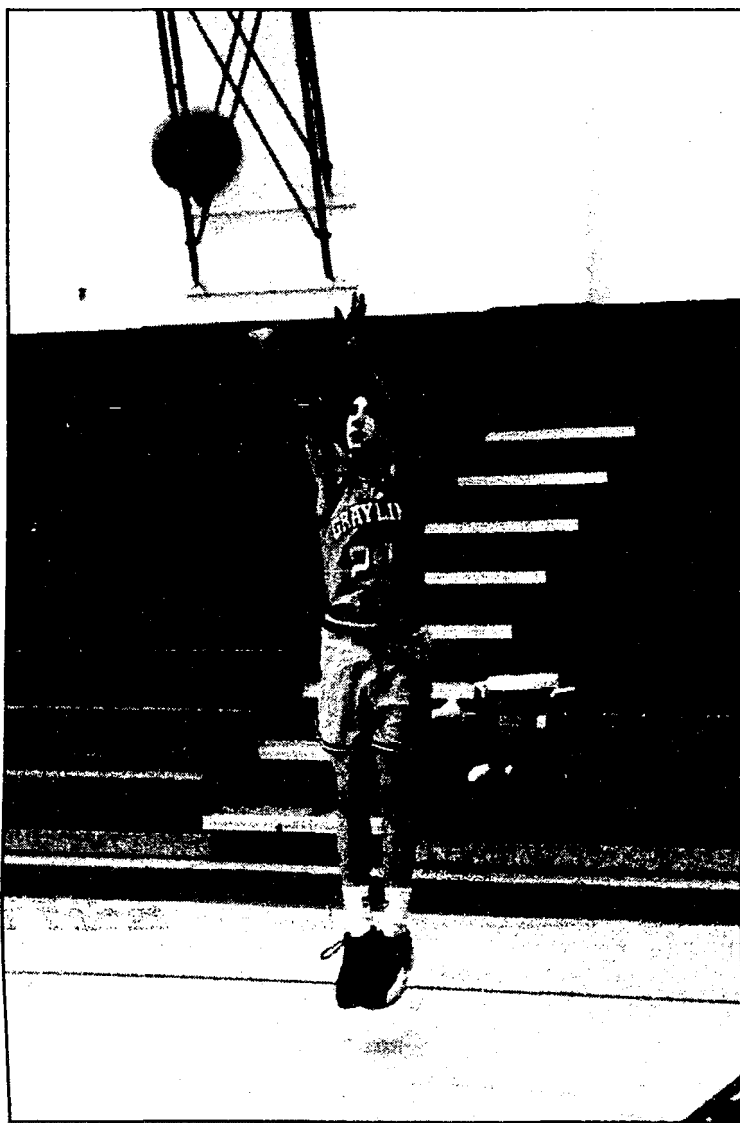
The Owls couldn't get any more shots to fall, and Grayling hit the

clutch free throws down the stretch to ice the victory.

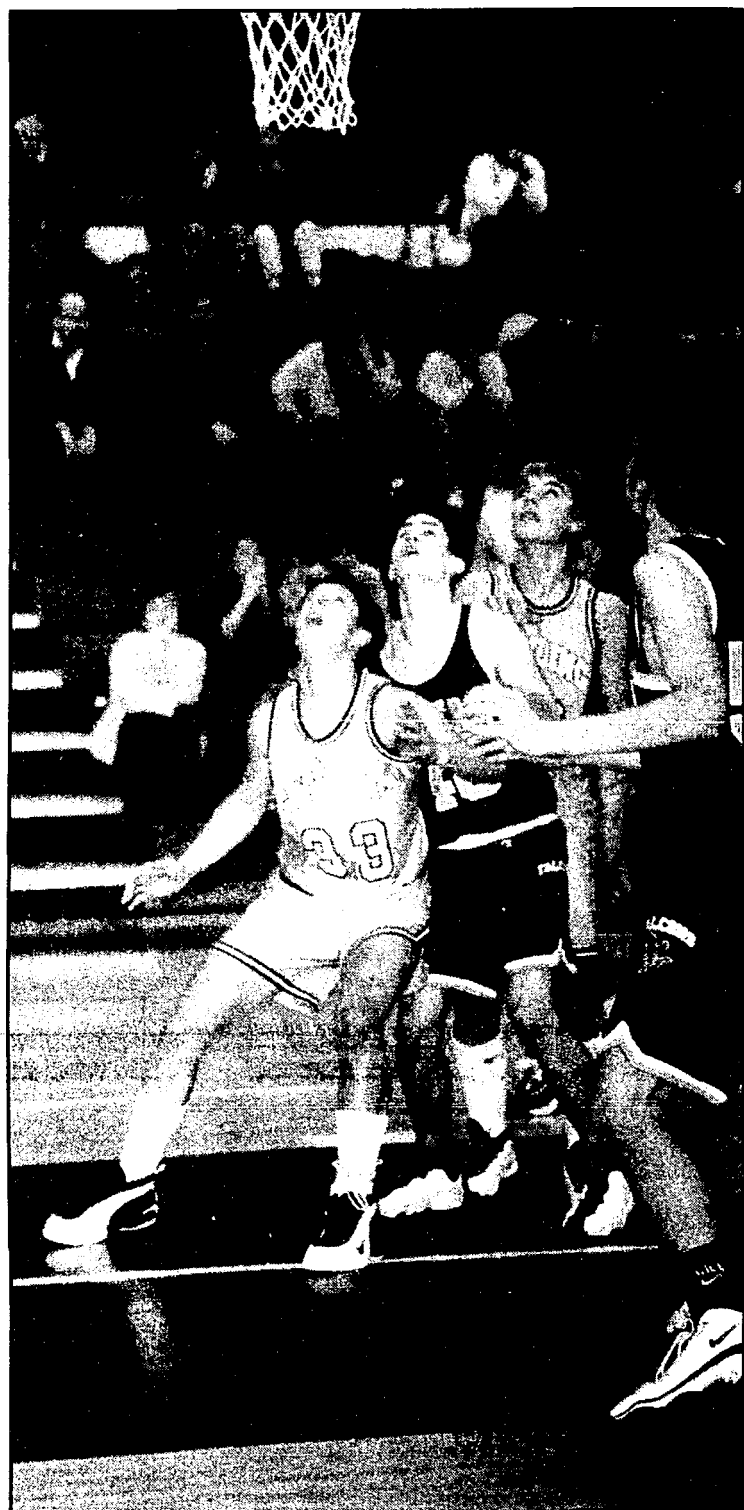
Grayling hit 11 of 13 from the free throw line in the fourth, compared to two out of eight for Oscoda. Gorr hit six out of six in the fourth, all of which came in the final two minutes of the game.

Stahl was the high scorer with 16 points. Schmidt scored 15 points. Gorr put in 10, and D'Amour and Wes Fox each scored eight points.

The GHS Freshmen Team will travel to Standish Sterling on Thursday, February 18, and will wrap up its '98-99 season next week with a road game at Saginaw Valley Lutheran on Monday, February 22.



JUMPER FROM THE CORNER -- R.J. Schmidt takes a long jump shot. Schmidt scored 15 points in the Oscoda game, including four three-pointers.



UNDER THE BASKET -- Larry Baynham (#33) boxes out opposing team members and prepares to bring down a rebound.

8th grade team wraps up its '98-99 season

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GMS 8th grade Boys Basketball "White" Team lost to Kalkaska on Tuesday, February 9, at the Roscommon Tournament.

"The score does not indicate how close this game was," said Coach Craig Hofman. "We were down by five with one minute left. Kalkaska hit their free throws."

Grayling ended up on the losing end of a 31-21 score.

Adam Kaiser racked up a double double, scoring 13 points and bringing down 10 rebounds. Chris Newberry and Danny Mahanney each scored four points for Grayling.

"This was a great game to end the season," said Coach Hofman. "All of the kids played great and can build on their improvement."

"Matt Strohpaal and Eric Hunter played very good man-to-man defense with lots of intensity. Adam continues to play well, and Danny Mahanney is shooting better. Travis Fagan helped us out and mixed it up with the bigger guys, and did well," said Hofman.

7th grade 'White' beats Kalkaska, finishes 8-3

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GMS 7th grade "White" Boys Basketball Team advanced to the Roscommon Tournament championship game by defeating Kalkaska in the opening game on Tuesday, February 9.

Coach Phil Trudgeon complimented his team's defense, which held Kalkaska to only 12 points in the game. GMS won by 13, 25-12.

"Jason Verlinde controlled the offense and took care of the ball. Travis Gildner rebounded well and shot well," said Coach Trudgeon. "Greg Morrill played effectively in the paint."

Gildner led the Viking scoring with eight points. Morrill put in six.

In the tournament championship game against Roscommon on Thursday, February 11, Grayling lost to the Bucks by seven, 20-27.

GMS had a seven point lead, but couldn't hold on for the win. "We were unable to convert lay-ups, and costly turnovers

contributed to the defeat," said Coach Trudgeon. "Grayling did not score a field goal in the fourth quarter."

"Joc Lange, Travis Gildner and Chris Riggs led all rebounders and played well on both ends," he added.

"All nine players performed as a true team, finishing with an 8-3 record."

Trudgeon also mentioned that the team has had great support from the parents and guardians of the players this year.



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Varsity Volleyball loses to Oscoda

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Varsity Volleyball Team lost two best of three series to the Oscoda Owls on Wednesday, February 10.

Grayling lost the first series by scores of 14-16, 18-16 and 10-15.

GHS got off to a slow start in the opening match, going down 0-7. Oscoda was playing well, hitting low, hard shots and winning the long volleys.

Grayling scored a couple points behind the serving of Mika Sumner, including a kill by Melanie Paxton, and Oscoda scored a pair to put the score at 2-9 in favor of the Owls.

Arica Wolcott then stepped up with some good serves, including a couple of aces. GHS scored five to pull within two, 7-9.

The Vikings later took their first lead (12-11) with Mandy Trudgeon at the serving position. Grayling lost the serve and quickly got it back. GHS scored two points with Jenny Phillips serving to make it game point for Grayling. Oscoda rallied, and won the match 16-14.

The second match was also a close, hard fought battle.

With Paxton, Sumner and Wolcott playing well on the front line and Phillips with the serve, GHS went up 6-1 early.

Oscoda then came back and tied the game at 6-6.

Later in the contest the Oscoda team worked itself up to game point, 14-10. Grayling got three back to pull within one, 13-14.

Grayling scored two with Brandy Ritter serving to give GHS a game point opportunity, 15-14. Oscoda got the serve back and tied the score at 15, then went up one for a chance to win it.

With Trudgeon serving, GHS tied the game on a nice block and spike by Sumner, and then scored two more to win it, 18-16.

With the series tied at 1-1, Oscoda pulled together and engineered a win. The Owls got some powerful kills toward the end of the game to take the match (15-10) and the series (2-1).

After a short breather, the two teams faced off again for another

best of three series.

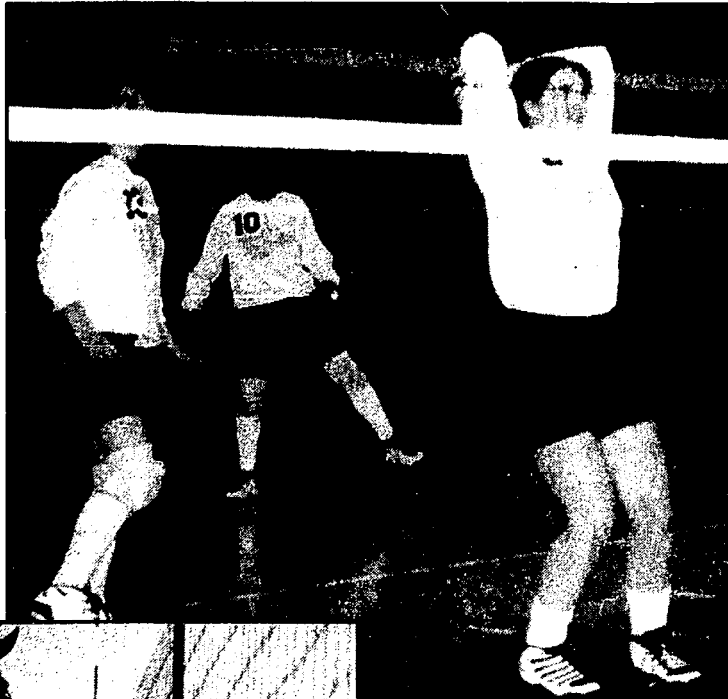
Oscoda won the first game by a score of 15-5. Grayling looked tired, and the Owls were lively, still hitting hard shots.

GHS performed much better the second match, but Oscoda continued to play well and won the contest

(10-15) and the series (2-0).

The game was close until the very end of the match. With the score tied at 10-10 Oscoda scored five quick ones to seal the victory.

The Vikings will round out the regular season on Thursday, February 18, by hosting Standish.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ACTION -- (above) The Junior Varsity Volleyball Team plays a match while the Varsity squad plays at the court on the other side of the gymnasium.

Volleyball photos by Linda Golnick



VARSITY V-BALL -- The Grayling High School Varsity Volleyball team competes in a match. The team will end the regular season with a home game on Thursday, February 18, against the Standish Sterling Panthers.

YOUTH SKI RACING CLINIC

It was another sunny day for the Citizen's Bank/Hanson Hills ski race clinic.

"We had mild temperatures and lots of sunshine for this weeks race," said race director John Alef.

Alef went on to say, "Parts of the hill were very hard packed and icy but the skiers handled it well."

Shannon Scott was the top skier for the pre-school and Kindergarten girls. Bradley Biggs led the boys, Zach Mech was second, and Josh Mech third.

Gracie Calkins led the first and second grade girls. Taylor Doremire was second. Chas Sloan was the undisputed first place skier for the boys.

Rachel Doremire led the third and fourth grade girls. Avery Diola second, Gabby Calkins third, and Jessi Riddle fourth.

Kody Diola outpaced Andrew Hart and Jimmy Hilbrecht for the boys.

Jill Seager led the fifth and sixth

grade girls. Jodi Riddle was second, Beth Lucey third, and Mandy Scott fourth. Trevor Clough had the second fastest run of the day to lead the fifth and sixth grade boys. Greg Kalonich was second, Patrick McNally third, Anthony Neal fourth, Jon Handy fifth, Alex McNamara sixth, Ben Lucey seventh, Ryan Mech eighth, and Dean Jong ninth.

Andrea Alvarez pulled out another win for the seventh and eighth grade girls. Nicole Doremire was second, Allison Diola third, and Danielle Scott fourth. Justin Hanes led the boys. Matt Seager was second, and Josh Jurkovich third.

Next week marks the final week for the 1999 race clinic. Skiers will complete in the normal format as the past weeks then their point totals for the year will be totaled and trophies will be passed out based on the totals. Come out to Hanson Hills and enjoy the competition.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Game #1 - Sawmill 69 - Spikes 51. Sawmill: Doremire, 18; Pummell, 13; Burrell, 11; Annis, 10. Spikes: Thompson, 14; Krey, 12; Juntilla, 12.

Game #2 - Thermogas 65 - Holiday Inn 56. Thermogas: Church, 24; Patterson, 14. Holiday Inn: Smith 12; Hamlin, 12.

Game #3 - Lange Vending 98 - Glens Market 84. Lange Vending: Longendyke, 38; Croze, 21; Modica, 11. Glens Market: P. Freeman, 21; T. Freeman, 17; Grant, 16; Northrup, 14.

Game #4 - Weyerhaeuser 63 -

Charlie's Plumbing & Heating 58. Weyerhaeuser: Trenary, 26; Hull, 15. Charlies: J. Mertes, 17.

Standings after week #8:
Thermogas 7 - 1
Lange Vending 6 - 2
Sawmill 6 - 2
Spike's 4 - 4
Glens Market 4 - 4
Weyerhaeuser 3 - 5
Holiday Inn 2 - 6
Charlie's Plumbing & Htg. 0 - 8

High scorer for week #8 was Scott Longendyke with 38 points.

The end of the year banquet has been scheduled for Friday, March 12, at the Holiday Inn.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

METATARSALGIA

Metatarsalgia (pain in the ball of the foot) is a symptom, not a disease or condition by itself, and the podiatrist must first identify the cause of the pain. The ball of the foot may be numb, tingly, or quite painful due to a pinched nerve. One condition, Morton's neuroma, may be treated conservatively, but if surgical removal of the neuroma becomes necessary, the surgery relieves pain approximately 80 percent of the time. The ball of the foot may also become sore due to the prominence of one bone over another, causing one bone to bear a disproportionate share of the weight. Also, if the foot's fat pad thins, additional pressure on the bones may lead to traumatic joint inflammation. If you suspect things are not the way they should be concerning your feet in

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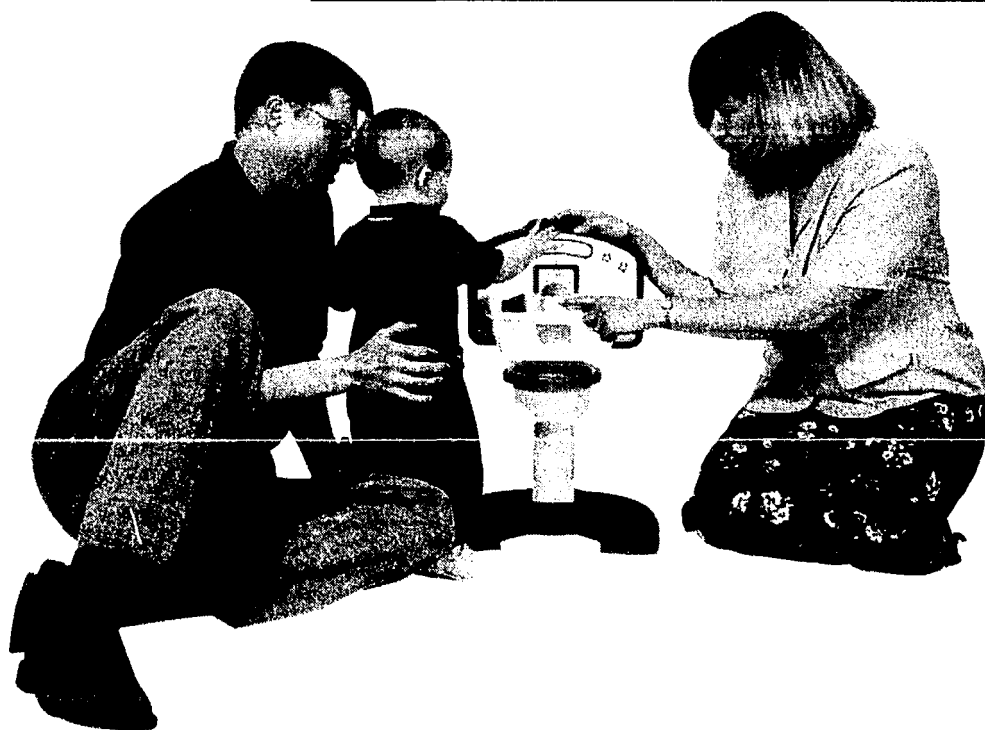
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High Game: D. Mansfield, 234; J. Arwood, 226; B. Cinciala.	
High Series: J. Arwood, 600; D. Henning, 589; M. Keir, 582.	
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High Series: G. Miller, 579; M. Sumner, 549; J. Campbell, 544.	
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Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 246; R. Adkinson, 226; J. Helsel, 220.	
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Women's High Game: S. Romain, 247 and 214; L. Dannenberg, 225.	
Women's High Series: S. Romain, 624; L. Dannenberg, 611; J. Hinds, 566.	
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High Scratch Game: Male - S. Gildner, 178; Female - K. Davis, 146.	High Scratch Game: Male - J. Handy, 128; Female - D. Ginther & T. Davis, 93.	High Scratch Game: Male - P. Armstrong, 118; Female - C. King, 94.
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Most Pins Over Average Male - S. Gildner, 70; Female - B. Yanniello, 30.	Most Pins Over Average: Male - J. Handy & C. Davis, 33; Female - T. Davis, 28.	Most Pins Over Average: Male - M. Rathburn, 41; Female - C. King, 35.
Most Pins Over Series Male - S. Gildner, 73; Female - D. Fedak, 37.	Most Pins Over Series: Male - C. Davis, 6.	Most Pins Over Series: Male - D. Hagerman, 11; Female - J. Ramsey, 21.

Ham radio operators earn licenses

The Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills announced recently that Andrew Langenderfer and Lorne Taylor, both of Lewiston, and Joseph McCormick of Waters, earned various operator licenses this winter.

Langenderfer passed his Technician Class Amateur Radio License test. This is the most popular license class, and gives the holder VHF and UHF privileges. It includes the widely used two meter band with an extensive system of repeaters in northern Michigan.

The repeaters, usually on higher elevation, enable a user to communicate with other individuals ten to 100 miles away.

Taylor passed his written Novice Class Amateur License test. This is the first step to either a Technician License or to HF radio privileges like the ten meter band and contact to other hams in and outside the United States.

McCormick passed his Extra Class written test, the first half of the Amateur Extra Class License. This is the highest class of license, and only one out of ten "hams" ever attain this level. This license gives the holder full use of all the Amateur Radio Bands and all modes of communication: AM, FM, SSB, CW, digital, slow scan TV, fast scan TV and spread spectrum.

The examiners, from Hanson Hills Amateur Radio Club were Ron Joyce, AK8M; Marty VanDeVen, K8MV; Jon Schultz, N8YSS; all of Grayling, and George Brand, WA8SCO, of Lewiston.

The Hanson Hills Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of every month, in the Multi-Purpose building at Hanson Hills Ski Park.

The next Amateur Radio License test session will be held by the Roscommon Area Testing Group at the Roscommon County Courthouse at 9 a.m., Saturday, March 13. If you would like to attend this test session, please contact Connie Creighton, AA8DO, at (517) 821-6622 or e-mail at ccreigh@freeway.net.

The next test session in Grayling will be at Grayling High School at 7 p.m. on May 19.

If you would like to attend this test session, please contact George Brand, WA8SCO, at 1-800-547-3245 or e-mail at aam5cmi@concentric.net; or Jon Schultz, N8YSS, at (517) 348-4966 or e-mail at jschultz@freeway.net.

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Council promotes fitness for kids

The Fitness Council of Northern Michigan will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, February 25 at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at 95 Livingston Blvd. in Gaylord.

Anyone interested in promoting fitness and "getting northern Michigan moving" is encouraged to attend.

The Council will be discussing our upcoming Project ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously).

On May 5 at 10 a.m. local time, millions of school children all over the world will exercise simultaneously as a gesture of fitness and unity to show that they do not fit the stereotype of being overweight and out-of-shape "couch potatoes."

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Fitness Council of Northern Michigan members will be contacting schools in our region to encourage participation in Project ACES.

This Council is a regional extension of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Health and Sports, serving 21 counties in northern Michigan.

For more information on the Fitness Council, call Donna Burge at (517) 732-1794.

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Red Barn	55 - 53
Red Barn II	50 - 58
Plaza	35 - 73
Frogies	34 - 74
8 Ball Run on Break: John of Riverside.	
8 Ball Run: Roger of Red Barn, Kelly of Tadpoles.	
7 Ball Run: Gale of Frederic Inn, Jim of Legion.	

LATE NIGHT - Join us Saturday, February 20, 1999 for Late Night. Ski for the same low price until 10 p.m. Enjoy live musical entertainment and a food special in the snack bar.

CONGRATULATIONS GHS SKI TEAM - Both the Grayling Girl's and Boy's ski teams qualified for State Championships by placing third in the Regional meet held Thursday, February 11, at Shuss Mountain.

We are proud to be the home hill

of the Grayling Viking Ski Team. Good Luck at States!!

CHEER AMERICA - Sign up any time. Registration is only \$5. Make friends and have fun while you learn choreographed Pom Pom/Dance routines to improve coordination, physical fitness, flexibility, and the ability to work with others.

ROLLERBLADE HOCKEY - We are still taking registrations for rollerblade hockey. Sign up and have fun.

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Held on the 25th day January 1999 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Ruddy, Palmer, Brown.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Fay Bovee, Bob Bovee, Dennis Palmer, Skylynn Palmer, Caleb Casey

99-12

Moved by Brown, support to Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 1999 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Communications were received and noted. December 31, 1998 Balance Sheet.

Grayling Housing Commission Minutes of December 8, 1998.

Revised Water Data. Ms. Palmer inquired about the administrative charge of \$7 which was explained by the City Manager. Mr. Stevens asked about the \$7 administrative fee if you have a separate water meter installed for sprinkling only and you receive two bills. This was discussed by Council but no action taken. Ms. Brown wasn't sure how the extra meters worked with the water and sewer charges and this was discussed with her.

Revised Cemetery Data.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Citizens who wish to speak.

Ms. Bovee spoke regarding the sidewalk program on Ingham Street. She doesn't know why they have to put one in front of her house on this block. Council members noted that the sidewalks need to be continuous throughout the city where possible to allow use by all citizens. The questions were asked by Council regarding the sidewalk program.

Ms. Bovee commended Borchers Bed and Breakfast for keeping their sidewalks open this winter.

Reports of City Manager.

M.M.L. Conference in March.

Rural Development Council of Michigan is having a meeting regarding the remodeling of the Fish Hatchery. The City Manager will attend in support of the city for this worthwhile project.

Meeting notice of Interchange at North Downs River Road.

Reports of Council Members.

Mr. Ruddy asked the City Manager on status of snowmobile trails. Mr. Morford is working on the committee developing same. Mr. Morford stated that the city snowmobile map needs to be revised and is being done by the Police Chief.

Ms. Palmer inquired about progress in union negotiations. Mr. Morford stated that another meeting next week with the Police Department is scheduled.

Ms. Palmer asked if the sidewalk by the Legion was included in the sidewalk project. Mayor Stevens stated that it was being considered in the 1999 program as a budgetive alternate.

Ms. Brown reported on a phone call she received regarding the narrow alley behind the Grayling Restaurant. She asked if maybe the city could make it a one-way alley. The City Manager will look into this matter and report back.

Adjournment.

99-13

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick

that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager and City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Independent Probate File No. 99-5919-IE

Estate of ROBERT LUKE STUNGIS, deceased 449-86-7797

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: BY

Your interest in the estate may be affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 9892 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 Died 12/28/98

An instrument dated 11/4/98 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.

All creditors of the estate are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Marla Persky, 1817 Asbury Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within four months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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Tax ID # 051-012-016-020-03.

The redemption period shall be twelve months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 800.3241a, in which the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 4, 1999

JACK F. GARDNER
Attorney for Assignee
SUITE 215-21415 Civic Center Dr.
Southfield, MI 48076-3953
(248) 352-7020

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Assignee of Mortgage

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Dated: February 5, 1999

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9700 Elizabeth Street
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FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 21-27

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Have you been neglecting family and friends because of responsibilities and work? This is the week you should set some time aside for them. Rely on the advice of a good friend when it comes to taking care of a problem at home.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

It might seem like a good deal, but whatever you do, keep yourself from overspending. Check out reports from consumer organizations before you take the plunge and buy. A deadline is approaching, which might mean more time at work.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Don't start anything new until you finish the projects you have under way. Before you stretch your resources any further, take a good look at what you are trying to accomplish. There may be a better way to do it with better results.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Add a little sparkle to a presentation. It may just be what you need to get your idea across to the right people. Be extra careful in relationships this week. Communication may not be going well, so you have to take extra precautions during discussions.

LEO

July 23-August 23

As your activities pick up and your schedule becomes more crowded, try to stay as flexible as possible. You will need to be ready for changes that may come and learn to work around them. Be open to the needs of a family member this week.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Uncomfortable at home. What's important is becoming a situation. What's important is that even though they try your patience, you must keep your cool and remain focused. In the end, your control will help others in the household control their emotions, too.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

A creative and open-minded approach will work great with a new project headed your way. Rest assured that you can rely on advice from someone who has been there before. Watch your spending this week—don't let it get out of hand.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Cooperation will not be the key word at work this week. So you'll have to work around the others who try to stand in your way. In the end, your attitude should reflect well on you. Patience and understanding will be needed at home.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 31

If things seem to be going too smoothly at work early in the week, watch out. A heavy workload, trying people or a difficult project are on the horizon. Be prepared. Take some time one day to visit a book store or the library and do some reading.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Changes are at the forefront of the week. The good news is that they should help you keep your mind off a family problem. Be sure to take the time to check out the club or organization you heard about recently.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Keep your calendar close at hand this week. With such a busy schedule, you don't want to miss an important date. Before you head out, double-check times and locations; you never know when plans may have changed.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Money from an unexpected source may ease some of the budget tensions you have been worrying about lately. Whatever you do and want to do, don't blow it. Instead, use it to help you get out from under some overdue or near-due bills.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

VEGETABLE & SHRIMP TEMPURA

SERVES 8

Water

1 lb. green beans

1 small head of cauliflower

1 small head of broccoli

1 lb. large shrimp

Vegetable oil

1 egg

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. baking soda

1. In a 3-qt. saucepan, bring to a boil 1" of water. Add green beans and return to a boil. Reduce heat to low;

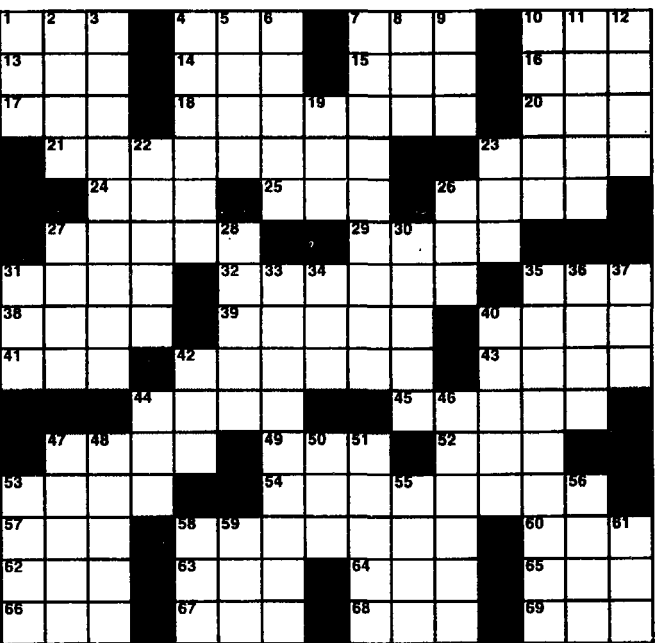
cover and simmer 4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain. Separate cauliflower and broccoli into small florets. Set aside.

2. In a Superclean deep fryer, add oil to indicated level, (about 1/3) and pre-heat until pilot light turns off. Prepare batter. In medium-size bowl, mix with a wire whisk, egg, flour, salt, baking soda and 1 1/2 cups water until smooth (batter will be thin). 3. Dip green beans, broccoli, cauliflower and shrimp, a few pieces at a time, into batter and fry in hot oil about 3 to 5 minutes until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Arrange tempura on warm platter and serve with soy sauce for dipping.



HOME NEEDED - Here are two of seven Sharpei-Mix puppies, age 8 weeks, male and female are available for adoption. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Ford Motor Company: abbr.
4. Magazine: shortened form
7. Airborne: abbr.
10. The compass point that is one point west of due south
13. New location: abbr.
14. Black tropical American cuckoo
15. A workplace for conducting scientific research
16. Boxer Mohammed ____
17. Feline
18. Model Rebecca ____
20. Not: prefix
21. Bahasa
23. Illegally break into computer networks
24. Woman's counterpart
25. Licensed Practical Nurse: abbr.
26. Robert ____, poet
27. Reveals; exhibits
29. Highly excited
31. ____ Antony, Roman triumvir
32. Vinegary
35. Retained Material Authorization: abbr.
38. Worthless nonsense (slang)
39. More modern
40. Perceive sound
41. The habitat of wild animals
42. Least specified
43. About ear
44. Tortoise's racing opponent
45. Absorption unit

47. A complex red organic pigment containing iron
48. Mammal genus
52. British Broadcasting Corporation: abbr.
53. ____ to the Chief
54. Lets go of
57. Doctor of Education: abbr.
58. Very hard native crystalline carbon
60. Grab; steal
62. The compass point midway between east and southeast
63. Small island (British)
64. Gourde: abbr.
65. After B
66. Limited: abbr.
67. Color property
68. Surface layer of ground containing a mat of grass and grass roots
69. Supplement with difficulty

DOWN

1. Department that licenses TV stations
2. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
3. Two parallel hulls held together by single deck
4. A troop that serves on land and at sea
5. At another time; again
6. The 3rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet
7. Excludes
8. Prohibit
9. The compass point that is one point E of due N
10. Yemen capital
11. Coalitions
12. The flirtatious blink of one eye
19. Cobra used by the Pharaohs as a symbol of their power over life and death
22. Any of numerous conifers of the genus Larix, all having deciduous needle-like leaves
23. An ugly, evil-looking old woman
26. Ad ____
27. A large bundle bound for storage or transport
28. More mentally stable
30. Secures with a girth
31. Million barrels per day: abbr.
33. Use or exercise the mind
34. Female sheep
35. Reserve
36. Most important
37. Something curved in shape
40. A city in New Mexico
42. Mayan language
44. The world of the dead
46. Lessened
47. Had I known (archaic)
48. Helped
50. Makes computers
51. Volcanic residues
53. Back part of one's foot
55. Inside: prefix
56. Tai
58. Expression of pleasure
59. Western India island
61. "Busy as a ____"

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
February 19, 1976

The AuSable Woodworking Plant in Frederic began full operation Monday following the fire that hit the plant two months ago. Gene Kaiser, Vice-President of the company stated, that last Thursday afternoon, Feb. 12th, the first souvenirs went through the lacquer spraying process in the plant. It was just 2 months ago to the day that the fire destroyed this portion of the operation, he added.

On Saturday, February 14, Grayling hosted the District Class C Wrestling Tournament at the high school. There were 15 teams competing for the District trophy with over 170 boys competing for the four qualifying positions in each weight division to compete in the Regionals at Shelby this coming Saturday.

Six Grayling boys qualified for the Regional finals. They are 98# Bill Kellogg, 112# Butch Partello, 119# Jeff Schlaack, 132# Grant Byce, 155# Scott Hanson and Heavyweight Don Vollmer.

Expenditures by the Veterans Administration for Crawford County during fiscal year 1975 totaled \$330,511, according to Frank J. Kilcullen, Jr., regional office director of the VA in Detroit.

A railroad tanker loaded with liquid petroleum was safely moved out of town Saturday morning and repaired without mishap after it was discovered that it was leaking. Police received a call about 7:40 a.m. that the odor of gas was in the downtown area. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the tanker, which was parked on the tracks near the depot, was leaking and a three block area around Norway Street was blocked off. Southbound traffic on I-75 was

held up for nearly six hours Sunday when a semi truck went crosswise off the road when the driver lost control on the ice-covered highway. According to sheriff's officers, due to the blocked highway and icy conditions, other accidents occurred causing vehicles to pile up like cordwood. However, no injuries were reported.

A train and truck collided at the railroad crossing on 4-Mile Road south of Grayling on Tuesday at 1:10 p.m. The truck was totaled and the driver was treated at Mercy Hospital for minor injuries. As of 5:00 p.m. the train had not been moved due to lack of brakes.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald LaMay on February 12 at Munson Medical Center. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 1/4 ozs. and has been named Roni Jean.

Five girls attended the birthday-slumber party for Renee Papendick's 12th birthday at the home of her parents, the Clarence Papendick's. Games were played with prizes, of course. Those attending were Robin Woolley, Robin Frederick, Joelyn LaChappelle, Lori Byce and Theresa Bourque.

46 Years Ago
February 19, 1953

The Dan Steeles of Columbus, Ohio, have a new baby boy, born on Feb. 10. Mrs. Steele is the former Carol Case of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Hunter, representing Hunter's Dairy of Grayling attended the 1953 convention of Michigan Allied Dairy Association, held last week in Grand Rapids and as a feature of the meetings, joined in a noon luncheon sales conference sponsored by Dairyland Cooperative, Creamery Co., of Carson City,

processors of Valley Lea dairy products.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cruz and four children of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roth and two children of Bay City spent the weekend at the Paul Feldhauser home here to attend the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feldhauser held at the American Legion Hall Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alef entertained eight ladies at a luncheon Tuesday of last week in honor of James Fowler of Grosse Pointe who was her house guest for several days.

W.O. Hildebrand and children of East Lansing spent the weekend at their cottage at Lake Margrethe.

69 Years Ago
February 20, 1930

Emil Kraus came home from Detroit Sunday morning and returned Monday night to be gone for the remainder of the week on business.

Mrs. Charles Fehr was hostess to club Thursday evening.

Robert Drake returned Wednesday from his home in Minnesota, Kansas where he had been visiting for several weeks.

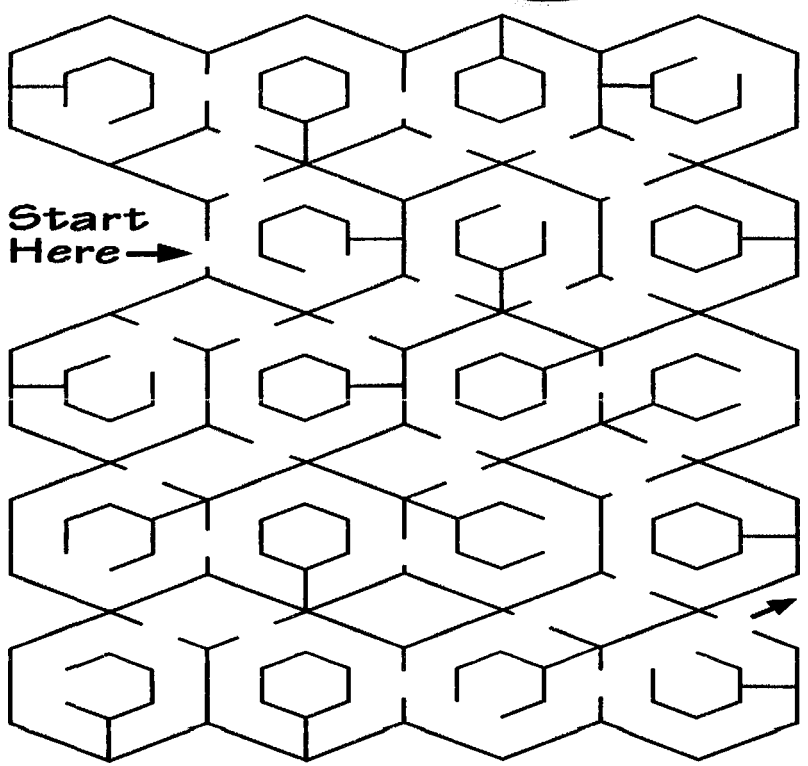
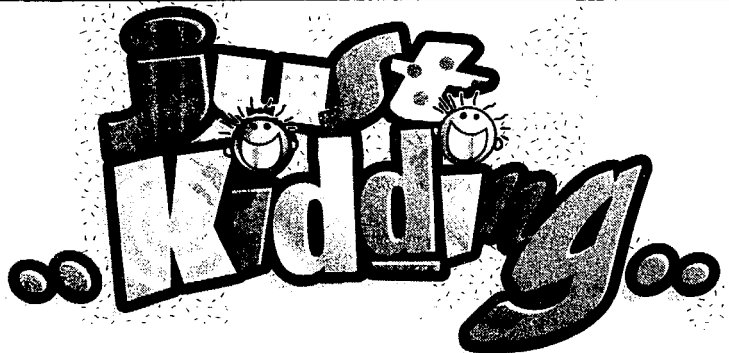
Hugo Nelson was in Roscommon Tuesday on business.

92 Years Ago
February 14, 1907

George W. Sackrider of Houghton Lake was in town Tuesday on business.

Axel Becker with his wife and little one came down from Johannesburg to spend Sunday with old home and friends.

Miss Laura London of Maple Forest is visiting old acquaintances this week.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
2/10	37	15		14"
2/11	42	16		14"
2/12	56	20	.5"	6"
2/13	24	12	2"	6"
2/14	25	0		6"
2/15	38	15		5"
2/16	47	19		4"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday will be dry with the high in the upper 20s to mid 30s and the low in the teens to low 20s. Friday will have a chance of snow with the high in the mid 20s to low 30s and the low in the teens to low 20s. Saturday will have a chance of snow showers with the high 30 to 35 and low in the teens.

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 Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
 Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:
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1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT Three bedroom, attached garage on five acres two miles from Grayling. \$72,500 (517) 348-4840 (-28-4-11-18/1)

AUSABLE RIVER FRONT beautiful building lot on middle branch off Conners Flat Rd. near McMasters Bridge. Call David (740) 797-2801 for details. (LR4/15/99/1)

HUNTERS AND SNOWMOBILERS PARADISE Beautiful ten acre parcel of rolling hills adjoining state land. Most furnishings included in home; mowers, tools, tractor negotiable. Call Century 21 River Country Real Estate at (517) 348-5474. www.century21grayling.com. Listing #4302 (-18/1)

1. Real Estate

ESTATE HOUSE FOR SALE Beautiful two story chalet on two lots, 140 ft. on the mainstream of the AuSable River. Close to town. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, large kitchen, double fireplace, laundry room. Heated workshop, hot tub on deck. Three car garage. *A must see. Call (517) 348-2284 for more information or an appointment to see this very special home. Great fishing too. \$168,000 (-11-18/1)

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES
www.century21grayling.com
 (1/7/99tf/1)

1. Real Estate

A LOT OF WILDLIFE on this square, ten acre parcel. Very nice bi-level; immaculately cared for. Features include a knock-out kitchen with new appliances and new oak cabinets; cathedral ceilings; new 3/4 bath; heated garage. Call Century 21 River Country Real Estate at (517) 348-5474. www.century21grayling.com. Listing #4397 (-18/1)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT GETAWAY RETREAT Two bedroom Ausable River home, sleeps six. Week or weekend only. 348-7868. leave message. (6/25/98tf/2)

2. For Rent

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT available Nov. 1st. High visibility, off street parking suitable for office or retail. Leave message at (517) 348-7868. (10/15/98tf/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT Two bedroom apartments in town \$425 per month plus gas. References and security deposit. Call (517) 348-2473. leave message. (12/3/98tf/2)

2. For Rent

COMMERCIAL BLDG FOR RENT Good for office or small business. Higgins Lake area. Federal Highway and Grayling Rd. (517) 821-5995 (-18/2)

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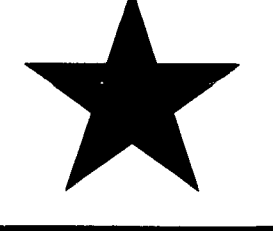


10 WOODED ACRES, 175' AUABLE RIVER FRONTAGE - STATE LAND ACROSS RIVER. Tranquil setting 50' from water edge. This home is nestled amongst red and white pines. 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, all appliances, completely furnished including pots and pans. Kitchen, living room and dining room recently remodeled with knotty pine walls and drywall ceiling with wood beams. New kitchen cabinets and pantry. Brick fireplace with insert. Beautiful view of river from great room! 2 walkout patio doors. Price Reduced \$129,500 CS-872



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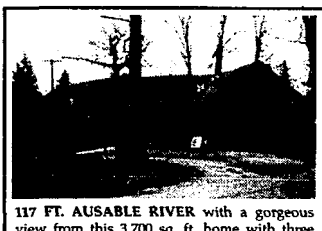
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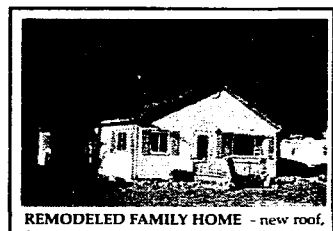
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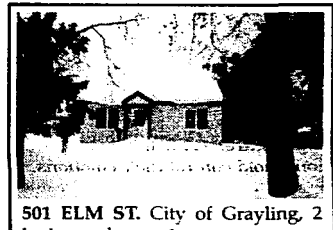
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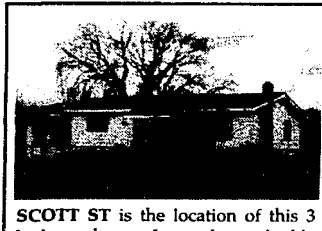
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2. Employment

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ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR Gerrish Township, Roscommon County. Part-time position, 8-20 hours/week. Days/hours determined by contract. Minimum two years experience as journeyman electrician to become registered by state as inspector and plan reviewer. Job requirements and application forms available at Township Hall, 2997 E. Higgins Lake Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653. Due by 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 3, 1999. (-18-25/3)

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-18-25-4/3

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NEED ANY BUSINESS CARDS OR STATIONERY? Call the Crawford County Avalanche at 517-348-6811.

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9. Personals



Our Little Ballerina Is Growing Up!!

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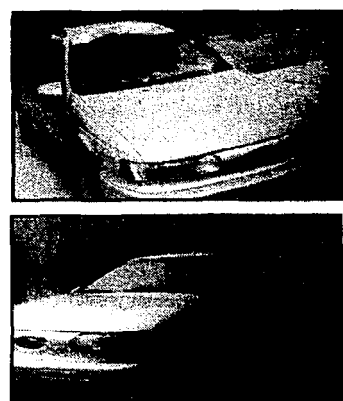
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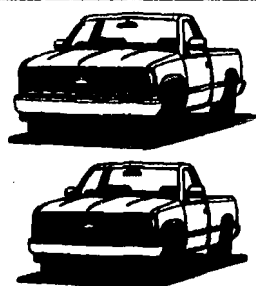
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